TWENTY-NINTH REPORT

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

PRESENTED BY THE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

AT THE

Annibersary held with the First Baptist Church,

IN BROOKLYN, N. Y.,

MAY 30, 1861;

WITH

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.

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MEMBERSHIP.

The following are the terms of Membership, etc., in the American Baptist Home Mission Society:

A MEMBER FOR LIFE, by the payment of Thirty Dollars, or more.

A DIRECTOR FOR LIFE, by the payment of One Hundred Dollars, or more, or any sum, which, in addition to a previous payment, makes One Hundred Dollars.

AN ANNUAL DELEGATE, by the annual payment of Ten Dollars, and Thirty Dollars for each additional one appointed by any Baptist church in union with the denomination, which shall have paid the money into the treasury for that purpose.

PRIVILEGES.

Directors and Members for Life of the Society are entitled to a seat and vote at the meetings of the Society and the election of officers.

Delegates are entitled to the same privileges during the year for which they were constitutionally appointed.

NOTICE.

Delegates should be regularly appointed by their respective churches, and supplied with a WRITTEN CERTIFICATE of the fact, in order to secure seats in an annual meeting of the Society.

Individuals, churches, or societies, intending any particular donation to constitute a Member or Director for Life, should state that intention at the time of making the payment.

If it is given for that purpose in part of the requisite amount, that fact should be stated.

If the donors are unprepared, at the time of payment, to nominate the persons to be constituted, they should, nevertheless, state that the money is for that purpose—the name of the person to be given at a future day within the current missionary year.

When such statements are omitted, the cash received is credited for general purposes, without designation, and can not be changed without extra entries in several books. If omitted until the books are closed, on the 31st of March, annually, the change is impracticable.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

I give and bequeath unto the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the city of New York, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of the Society.

Do not omit the word "Haptist" in the above title, as otherwise the legacy may be thought to be intended for another Society bearing a very similar title.

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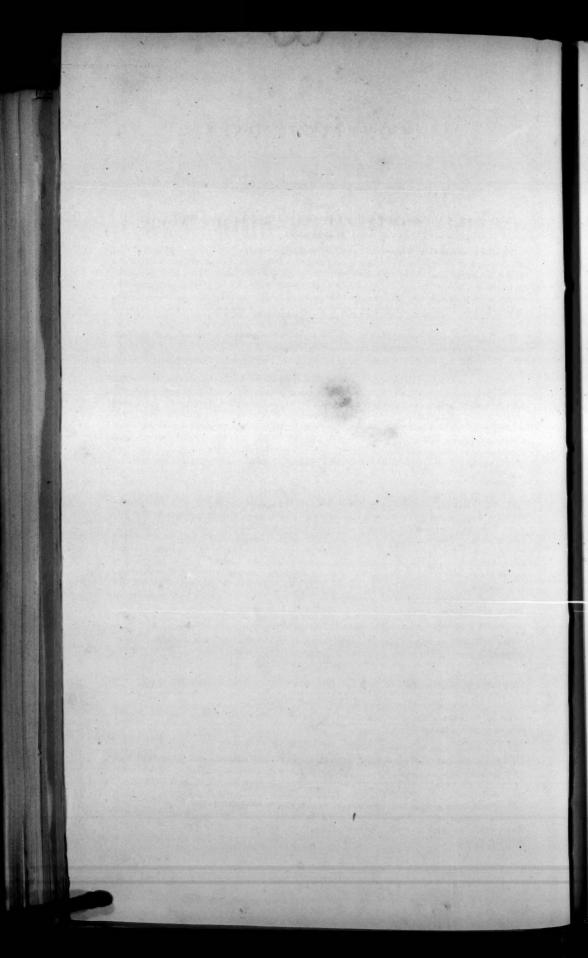
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CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

I.—This Society shall be called the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

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II .- The object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

MEMBERSHIP.

III.—The Society shall be composed of Annual Delegates, Life Members, and Life Directors. Any Baptist church, in union with the denomination, may appoint a delegate for an annual contribution of ten dollars, and an additional delegate for each additional thirty dollars. Thirty dollars shall be requisite to constitute a Member for Life, and one hundred dollars, paid at one time, or a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be requisite to constitute a Director for Life.

OFFICERS.

IV.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Auditors, one or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Recording Secretary.

MANAGERS.

V.—There shall be fifteen managers also, residing in the city of New York, or its vicinity, who shall be divided by lot among themselves into three classes of five members each. The term of service of the first class shall expire in one year, that of the second class in two years, and that of the third class in three years. At each Annual Meeting of the Society, after the first election under this amended Constitution, one class only shall be elected for the term of three years, to the end that the third part of the whole number of managers, as nearly as possible, may be annually chosen; provided, however, that vacancies remaining in any class may be filled for the unexpired term of that class. The officers and managers shall be elected by ballot, and continue to discharge their official duties, until superseded by a new election

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

VI.—The Treasurer, Auditors, Recording Secretary, and Managers of the Society, shall constitute an Executive Board, to conduct the business of the Society; seven of whom shall be a quorum for that purpose. They shall have power to appoint their own meetings; elect their own Chairman and Recording Secretary; enact their own By-laws and Rules of Order, provided, always, that they be not inconsistent with this Constitution; fill any vacancies which may occur in their own body, or in the offices of the Society during the year; and, if deemed necessary by two thirds of the members, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such agencies as the interests of the Society may require; appoint agents and missionaries; fix their compensation; direct and instruct them concerning their particular fields and labors: make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury; and present to the Society, at each annual meeting, a full report of their proceedings during the current year.

DESIGNATED FUNDS.

VII.—All moneys or other property contributed and designated for any particular missionary field or purpose, shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donors, or their lawful agents.

TREASURER.

VIII.-The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Board shall think proper.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPOINTMENT.

IX.—All the Officers, Managers, Missionaries, and Agents of the Society, shall be members in good standing in regular Baptist churches.

ANNUAL MEETING.

X.—The Society shall meet annually for the election of officers and managers, and the transaction of other necessary business, at such time and place as the Executive Board shall appoint.

ALTERATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

XI.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing, and the proposition sustained by a majority vote, at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Board.

STATED MEETINGS FOR 1861-62.

OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.—Thursday before the first Wednesday in each month, at four o'clock P.M., from June to October; and at three P.M. during the remaining months.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—The day previous to that of the Board, at the same hours as the Board.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGENCIES AND FINANCE.—The Tuesday preceding, at four o'clock P.M., in the Summer months; and at three P.M., in the Winter months.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH-EDIFICE FUND.—The Monday preceding, at half-past nine A.M.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD.

- 1. All meetings shall be opened with prayer.
- All Committees shall be nominated by the presiding officer and approved by the Executive Board, unless otherwise specially ordered.
- 3. No moneys shall be paid out of the treasury but by order of the Executive Board.
- 4. All resolutions, if required, shall be presented in writing.
- Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Executive Board the fact shall be entered on the Minutes, and at the next stated meeting the Board shall proceed to fill such vacancy by ballot.
- No By-law of the Board shall be suspended for any temporary purpose, unless by a vote of two thirds of the members of the Board.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Reading the Minutes of the last Meeting.
- 2. Treasurer's Report.
- 3. Communications of the Corresponding Secretary.
- 4. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 5. Reports of Select Committees.
- 6. Unfinished Business.
- 7. New Business.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

AGENCIES AND FINANCE.	MISSIONS.	CHURCH-EDIFICE FUND.
E. Cauldwell,	J. S. Holme,	H. P. Freeman,
A. N. Nearing,	E. E. L. Taylor,	J. B. Peck,
W. H. Chapman,	W. H. Parmly,	F. S. Miner.
Avery Bill, Jr.,	H. G. Weston,	
S. S. Constant,	E. Lathrop,	
D. M. Wilson.	E. T. Hiscox.	1

LEGACIES.

J. Dowling,	C. C. N	forton,
D. I. Yerkes,	J. G. V	Thipple

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

American Baptist Jome Mission Society,

Held in Brooklyn, New York, May 30, 1861.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society convened in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, in the City of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday morning, May 30, 1861, at ten o'clock.

James E. Southworth, Esq., President, called the Society to order. After a song of praise, prayer was offered by Rev. W. Sym, N. Y.

The Society was then briefly addressed by the President. (See page 43.)

The following Committees were, upon the nomination of the President, duly appointed:

On Credentials of Delegates.—Rev. J. S. Ladd, N. Y.; Rev. J. W. Parkhurst, Mass.; Rev. O. Tracy, N. H.; Rev. J. V. Ambler, Mass.; Rev. A. J. Hires, N. J.

On Life Directors and Life Members present.—Rev. J. L. Hodge, D.D., N. Y.; Rev. Wm. H. Eaton, N. H.; Rev. A. Gale, Min.; Rev. D. I. Yerkes, N. Y.; H. Day, Esq., Ct.

On Nomination of Officers and Managers.—Rev. H. G. Weston, D.D., N. Y.; Rev. A. P. Mason, D.D., Mass.; Rev. H. M. Richardson, Ohio; Rev. Edward Bright, D.D., N. Y.; Rev. S. Dryden Phelps, D.D., Ct.

On motion of Rev. Wm. H. Parmly, N. J., the times for commencing and closing the sessions of the Society's meetings be as follows: Commence at half-past nine A.M., at half-past two and half-past seven P.M.; close at one and at five o'clock P.M.

On motion of Rev. E. K. Fuller, R. I.,

. Resolved, That ministers and other brethren present, not members or delegates, be invited to participate in our deliberations.

Rev. W. H. Kelton Bluehill, Me., Rev. James Dixon, Ill., Rev. Joseph Tingley, N. J.; Rev. Chas. H. Malcom, R. I.; and Rev. T. S. Rogers, N. Y.; accepted this invitation.

The amendment to the Third Article of the Constitution, proposed by the Society at its last Anniversary, reading as follows:

III.—The Society shall be composed of such persons as shall be members or directors for life at the time of the adoption of this amended Constitution, and those who are entitled to become such on the completion of payments already commenced for that purpose, and of annual members. Any regular Baptist church, by contributing to the funds of the Society ten dollars annually, may appoint one annual member; for twenty-five dollars, in addition, a second annual member; and an additional annual member for each additional fifty dollars. Any individual may become an honorary member for life by the payment, during the financial year, of not less than thirty dollars; and every honorary member shall have a vote in the meetings of the Society so long as he continues to be an annual contributor to its treasury, and a member in good standing of a regular Baptist church;

Was taken up, and, after remarks by several members, was, on motion of Rev. Thomas Armitage, D.D., N. Y., postponed indefinitely, on a division of 75 ayes to 51 nays.

The amendment to the Fifth Article of the Constitution, proposed by the Society at its last Annual Meeting, which is as follows:

V.—There shall be fifteen managers also, residing in the city of New York, or its vicinity, who shall be divided by lot among themselves into three classes of five members each. The term of service of the first class shall expire in one year, that of the second class in two years, and that of the third class in three years. At each Annual Meeting of the Society after the first election under this amended Constitution, one class only shall be elected for the term of three years, to the end that the third part of the whole number of managers, as nearly as possible, may be annually chosen; provided, however, that vacancies remaining in any class may be filled for the unexpired term of that class. The officers and managers shall be elected by ballot, and continue to discharge their official duties, until superseded by a new election;

Was called up and adopted, all the members and delegates present voting in the affirmative.

The Treasurer's report, in the absence of the Treasurer, was read by the Corresponding Secretary, and, on motion, adopted and ordered to be printed with the minutes, under the direction of the Board of Managers.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, after prayer by Rev. B. T. Welch, D.D., N. Y., the Society adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Society was called to order at half-past two o'clock P.M. Prayer was offered by Rev. Silas Ilsley, Me.

Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Nomination of Officers and Managers be instructed to present the name of but one person from any one church.

The annual report of the Board of Managers was presented, and an abstract therefrom read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. B. M. Hill, D.D.

On motion, the report was adopted and ordered to be printed with the minutes, under the direction of the Board of Managers.

The Committee on Credentials of Delegates present reported that there was one delegate present—P. A. Gladwin, R. I. Report adopted.*

The Committee on Life Directors and Life Members present, reported that there were present sixty-six Life Directors, and eighty-one Life Members, as follows:

LIFE DIRECTORS PRESENT.

Armitage, Rev. Thomas, D.D., N. Y. Baker, Rev. Samuel, D.D., Williamsburgh, N. Y. Baldwin, Rev. Geo. C., D.D., Troy, N. Y. Bellamy, Rev. David, Rome, N. Y. Boyce, James, Providence, R. I. Brooks, Rev. Kendall, Fitchburg, Mass. Bright, Rev. Edward, D.D., N. Y. Bucknell, William, Philadelphia. Burlingham, Rev. A. H., N. Y. Capwell, A. B., New York. Church, Rev. P., D.D., N. Y. Denny, Mrs. Jane, Rochester, N. Y. Devan, Rev. Thos. T., Nyack, N. Y. Dodge, Rev. O., Brooklyn, N. Y. Faton, Rev. Joseph W., Chicago, Ill. Evans, Rev. Charles, Brooklyn, N. Y. Fish, Rev. H. C., D.D., Newark, N. J. Freeman, Rev. A. L., Deposit, N. Y. Fuller, Rev. E. K., Providence, R. I. Gillette, Rev. A. D., D.D., N. Y. Hallsted, Benjamin, Brooklyn, N. Y. Hillman, Wm., N. Y. Hires, Rev. A. J., Woodstown, N. J. Hiscox, Rev. E. T., D.D., N. Y. Hodge, Rev. J. L., D.D., N. Y. Hodges, Rev. Joseph, Cambridge, Mass. Holme, Rev. J. S., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ilsley, Rev. Silas, Damariscotta, Me. Keyser, Rev. Charles, Providence, R. I. Ladd, Rev. James S., Bergen, N. Y. Lathrop, Rev. Edward, D.D., N. Y. Malcom, Rev. Howard, D.D., Leverington, Pa. Mason, Rev. A. P., Chelsea, Mass. Mikels, Rev. W. S., N. Y. Miller, John A., Brooklyn, N. Y. Miller, Rev. D. Henry, Meriden, Ct. Murdock, Rev. J. N., D.D., Boston, Mass. Parkhurst, Rev. J. W., Newton Centre, Mass. Parmly, Rev. Wheelock H., Jersey City, N. J. Peck, Rev. S., D.D., Roxbury, Mass. Phelps, William, N. Y. Phelps, Rev. S. D., D.D., New Haven, Ct. Porter, Rev. Lemuel, D.D., Pittsfield, Mass. Pendleton, Rev. Wm. H., N. Y. Peltz, Rev. G. A., N. Y. Reid, Rev. William, New London, Ct. Remington, Rev. S., N. Y. Richards, Rev. W. C., Providence, R. I. Rollinson, Rev. Wm., Rahway, N. J. Sanford, Rev. Miles, North Adams, Mass. Swaim, Rev. S. B., West Cambridge, Mass. Taylor, Rev. E. E. L., D.D., Brooklyn, Mass. Thomas, C. W., Hastings, N. Y. Tracy, Rev. O., Concord, N. H.

^{*} Two others were presented but neither were furnished with credentials of appointment from any church, and no record of the payment of money necessary to the appointment can be found on the books of the Society.

Vogell, Rev. H. C., D.D., Utica, N. Y. Webb, Rev. G. S., D.D., New Brunswick, N. J. Welsh, Rev. B. T., D.D., Newtonville, N. Y. Webster, Rev. George, Orange, N. J. Weston, Rev. H. G., D.D., N. Y. Wilds, Rev. Z. P., N. Y.

Wilson, D. M., Newark, N. J.
White, Rev. Samuel, North Shore, N. Y.
Whitehead, James M., N. Y.
Winterton, Rev. William, Ct.
Wright, Rev. L., Norwich, N. Y.
Wright, Rev. Thos. G., Roadstown, N. J.

LIFE MEMBERS PRESENT.

Adams, Rev. R. J., Wallingford, Ct. Ambler, Rev. J. V., Lanesboro', Mass. Ambler, Rev. E. C., Philadelphia. Atkinson, Rev. Robert, Newark, N. J. Baker, Rev. J. James, Plainfield, N. J. Barnes, Wm. A., North Shore, N. Y. Bates, Rev. L. C., Groton, N. Y. Bliss, Alanson H., Hamilton, N. Y. Brackett, Rev. John B., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Bruce, Jr., John M., N. Y. Bromley, Dewey, Norwich, Ct. Browe, Rev. E. S., Riceville, N. J. Brown, Rev. Amasa, Concord, N. H. Brownson, Rev. I. K., Greenfield, Ohio. Chase, Rev. J. N., Deep River, Ct. Chesshire, Rev. John E., Waterford, N. Y. Church, Frank P., N. Y. Clark, Rev. N. Judson, South Abington, Mass. Conrad, Rev. Peter, Scipio, N. Y. Cordo, Henry A., New Brunswick, N. J. Cumings, Rev. E. E., D.D., Concord, N. H. Crane, Rev. C. B., Hartford, Ct. Crumb, Rev. J. W., Rhinebeck, N. Y. Decker, Rev. Wm. P., Throopsville, N. Y. Doolittle, Rev. H. D., Wappinger's Falls, N. Y. Douglass, Henry, Gorham, N. Y. Evans, Rev. P. S., Stamford, Ct. Foljambe, Rev. S. W., Boston, Mass. Foster, Rev. Joseph C., Beverly, Mass. Francis, Norman, N. Y. Gale, Rev. Amory, Minneapolis, Min. Gale, Mrs. C. E., Minneapolis, Min. Gates, Rev. O. W., Brooklyn, N. Y. Gardner, Rev. Jacob, Plainville, Ct. Griffith, Rev. B., Philadelphia. Hartwell, J. B., Providence, R. I. Hill, Rev. Isaac N., New Market, N. J. Hillman, Samuel T., N. Y. Holmes, Samuel C., N. Y. Hooper, Rev. N., Newburyport, Mass. Horton, Rev. J. W., Milford, N. H.

Hubbell, A., Utica, N. Y. Jeffery, Rev. R., Philadelphia. Jones, Rev. H. M. Racine, Wis. Jones, Rev. J. F., Ware, Mass. Lincoln, Rev. Heman, Providence, R. I. Lowry, Rev. Robert, Brooklyn, N. Y. Lyons, Rev. J. M., New Rochelle, N. Y. Macdonald, A., Williamsburgh, N. Y. Mallory, Rev. J. C., Savona, N. Y. Mallory, Eld. A. C., Benton Centre, N. Y. Mason, Pethuel, Somerville, N. J. Mason, A. Francke, Barnstable, Mass. Matthews, Rev. Geo., Groton Bank, Ct. Meeson, Rev. J. D., Burlington, N. J. Osgood, Rev. S. M., Chicago, Ill. Page, Rev. E. H., Charlestown, Mass. Parker, Rev. A., Agawam, Mass. Parkhurst, G. R., Brooklyn, N. Y. Parsons, Rev. Wm. M., Brooklyn, N. Y. Randolph, Rev. Warren, Germantown, Pa. Richardson, Rev. D. F., Hanover, N. H. Riddell, Rev. M. S., New Brunswick, N. J. Seabrook, H. H., Keyport, N. J. Slater, Rev. F. A., Keyport, N. J. Smith, Rev. J. Hyatt, Philadelphia. Stelle, Rev. Bergen, Klinesville, N. J. Swaim, Rev. Thomas, Flemington, N. J. Sym, Rev. Wm., Kingston, N. Y. Taylor, Rev. A. H., Hollidaysburgh, Pa. Taylor, Rev. M., Philadelphia. Tolan, Rev. W. B., Philadelphia. Townsend, Rev. B. C., Suffern, N. Y. Tolman, Rev. J. N., Williamsburgh, N. Y. Tuthill, J., Brooklyn, N. Y. Warren, Rev. J. G., D.D., Boston, Mass. Wright, Rev. Wm. D., Huntington, N. Y. Walker, Rev. O. T., Trenton, N. J. Webster, Rev. A., Boston, Mass. White, Sylvanus, Brooklyn, N. Y. Willis, Rev. Samuel B., N. Y.

Rev. A. H. Burlingham, of N. Y., moved the adoption of the following resolution, accompanied by appropriate and pertinent remarks:

Resolved, That, aiding by the prosecution of some fixed plans, in the erection of suitable houses of worship, on the field of its operations, at least to a degree which shall leave them, when finished, without the burden of embarrassing debt, is a legitimate, prudential, and necessary part of the great work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

After remarks by Rev. John I. Fulton, N. Y., Rev. Peter Conrad, N. Y., and Rev. E. T. Hiscox, D.D., N. Y., the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers and Managers presented their report.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the Society proceeded to ballot for Officers and Managers.

The President named the following tellers to collect the votes for Officers: Rev. L. Wright, N. Y.; J. M. Bruce, Esq., N. Y.; Rev. Lewis Smith, N. J.; and Rev. D. Henry Miller, Ct.

The tellers, having collected and counted the votes for Officers, announced that the officers, as presented by the Committee on Nomination, had each received a majority of the votes cast, and they were therefore declared duly elected.

The President named as tellers for the Board of Managers— E. Lewis, Esq., Brooklyn; Dr. A. C. Burke, Brooklyn; Samuel Hillman, Esq. N. Y.; and Rev. W. C. Richards, R. I.

Having collected and counted the votes for managers, the tellers announced that the names presented by the Committee had received a majority of the votes cast, and they were therefore declared duly elected. (For the names see page 11.)

Rev. R. Jeffery, Pa., moved a vote of thanks to this and the other churches of Brooklyn for their hospitalities, which was adopted.

The minutes were read and approved. After prayer by Rev. G. S. Webb, D.D., N. J., the Society adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Society, accompanied by a large congregation of others, convened at half-past seven o'clock P.M.

After an anthem by the choir, and prayer by Rev. A. D. Gillette, D.D., the Rev. Walter R. Brooks, of Hamilton, N. Y., delivered the missionary sermon, founded upon the text in Genesis, 49th chap., and last part of 10th verse—" Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." After which a liberal contribution was taken up for the treasury of the Society, a doxology was sung, and the Apostolic benediction was pronounced by Rev. D. I. Yerkes,

pastor of the church. The sermon was very appropriate and interesting, and it is hoped that the author will consent to a request of the Executive Board to furnish them a copy for publication.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

June 31, 1861.

A large number of members of the Society, and its friends, assembled at ten o'clock A.M., for the purpose of listening to communications from missionaries respecting the operations of the Society on their respective fields. The Rev. O. Tracy presided, and the exercises were introduced with prayer by Rev. Wm. Sym, of N. Y. After which addresses were delivered by Rev. Peter Conrad, recently of Wisconsin; Rev. Amory Gale, exploring agent of the Society in Minnesota; and Rev. J. B. Simmons, of Ia., who were listened to with deep interest and attention. Rev. Mr. Gale, in his remarks, alluded to the great want of church edifices by the people throughout the West, but especially his field, and to the noble effort now being made by the Society to provide funds to aid them. He approved heartily of their plan, and commended it for the co-operation of the churches, as essential to speedy success in general missionary operations.

The dollar plan for raising funds was explained by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. B. M. Hill, and a general offering of one dollar each was made by those present. After which the meeting was closed as usual. It was a delightful appendage to the usual exercises.

A. B. CAPWELL, Recording Secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY,

AND

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

HON. IRA HARRIS, Albany, New York.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

J. W. MERRILL, Esq., Boston, Mass. J. M. HOYT, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio.

TREASURER.

EBENEZER CAULDWELL, Esq., New York.

AUDITORS.

S. S. CONSTANT, New York. F. S. MINER "

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

REV. BENJAMIN M. HILL, D.D., New York.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

REV. E. T. HISCOX, D.D., New York.

MANAGERS.

FIRST CLASS, FOR	ONE YEAR.
REV. W. H. PARMLY,Je	ersey City, N. J.
H. P. FREEMAN,	
J. B. PECK,	
A. N. NEARING,	"
REV. J. DOWLING D.D.	"

SECOND CLASS, FO	OR TWO YEARS.
D. M. WILSON,	Newark, N. J.
REV. E. LATHROP, D.D.	.,New York.
" D. I. YERKES,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
W. H. CHAPMAN,	New York.
AVERY BILL, JR	"

THIRD CLASS, FOR THREE YEARS.

REV.	E. E. L. TAYLOR, D.D.,	Brooklyn, N.	Y.
	H. G. WESTON, D.D.,		
	J. S. HOLME,		Y.
	WHIPPLE,		
REV	C C NORTON	New York.	

CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

D. M. WILSON.

RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, AND CLERK.

JAMES M. WHITEHEAD, New York.

Dr. THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

1861.			
March 30.	To Cash paid Missionaries' Salaries to this date	\$36,518	39
	" Cash paid Agents for Salaries, Traveling Expenses,		
	Postage, etc., to this date	7,325	72
	" Cash paid Secretary and Clerks for Salaries (of which		
	amount there has been received from Special Sala-		
	ry Fund \$420)	2,704	
	" Cash paid on account Church-edifice Fund	2,785	72
	" Cash paid Investment of the Medera Legacy received		
	last year	2,500	00
	" Cash paid for Fuel, Stationery, Postage, and other		
	incidental expenses	433	89
	" Cash paid for Paper, Printing and Editing of Home		
	Mission Record, and incidental expenses on same	1,838	54
	" Cash paid for Paper and Printing Annual Report,		
	Certificates, Blanks, etc	277	09
	" Cash paid interest on conditional donations	86	61
	" Cash paid interest on Legacy paid in advance		31
	" Cash paid Annuity on account of the Medera Fund	87	50
	" Cash paid for Reinvestment of avails of foreclosure		
	of Mortgage	981	25
	" Cash paid for Taxes on Land donated to the Society,		
	including Surveying and other expenses of Prop-		
	erty sold	200	38
	" Cash paid for Insurance	6	82
	" Cash paid for Rent of Rooms	1	00
	" Cash paid for Exchange and Loss on Counterfeit		
	Money	50	04
	" Cash paid for Legal Services in Collecting a Legacy	64	68
	" Bank Stock account	200	00
	" Bills Receivable account	675	00
	" Railroad Stock account	600	00
	" Cash paid Anniversary expenses for 1860	34	7
	" Cash paid for Sunday School Library	10	0
	" Cash paid for Sufferers in Kansas	452	9
	" Balance	4,161	1 8
		\$62,00	2 9

IN ACCOUNT WITH EBENEZER CAULDWELL, TREASURER.

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1861.		
March 30.	By Balance as per last Report	\$11,273 19
	" Contributions since April 1, 1860	32,595 79
	" Legacies same period in Cash \$5,904 45	
	" " Secured Notes	
	payable in one, two, and three years 625 00	
	" Legacies same period in Railroad Stock,	
	estimated value 600 00	
		7,129 45
	" Contributions to Church-edifice Fund, and Interest on	
	account of Loan paid	4,082 03
	" Subscriptions to Home Mission Record	935 68
	"Avails of Bank Stock sold, bequeathed by the late	333 00
	John Allen, of Rhode Island	3,170 95
	" Avails of Bills Receivable, contributed last year	100 0
		1,000 0
	"Avails of Real Estate sold on foreclosure of Mortgage	30 0
	" Interest on Temporary Investment	420 0
	Special Salary Fund	420 0
	a Special Investment by direction of the	175 0
	Donor	175 0
	investment made to cover conditional do-	
	nations, for which the Society is paying	280 0
	interest	200 0
	" Dividends on Bank Stock, bequeathed by the late	120 7
	John Allen, Rhode Island	120 1
	" Dividends on Railroad Stock, bequeathed by the late	18 0
	William Souldin, of Albany, New York	134 6
	"Interest on an Investment, charged with an Annuity.	10 0
	" Cash designated for Sunday School Library	527 6
	" " Sufferers in Kansas	
		\$62,002 9
	By Balance to account	\$4,161 8
	Subject to demand for Liabilities due April	
	1, 1861 \$4,644 15	
	Deficiency in the Treasury to meet those	
	Liabilities	

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EBENEZER CAULDWELL, Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing account, together with the vouchers connected therewith, and find the same correct. The balance in the treasury is four thousand one hundred and sixty-one 82-100 dollars (\$4,161.82).

(Signed)

SMITH SHELDON, JOHN M. BRUCE, JR., Auditors.

New York, March 30, 1861.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, PASSED APRIL 12, 1843, AND AMENDED FEBRUARY 9, 1849.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. All such persons as now are, or may hereafter become, members of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the city of New York in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, shall be, and hereby are, constituted a body corporate, by the name of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, for the purpose of promoting the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

§ 2. This Corporation shall be capable of taking, holding, or receiving any property, real or personal, by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will or testament of any person whomsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; Provided no person leaving a wife, or child, or parent, shall devise or bequeath said Corporation more than one fourth of his or her estate, after the payment of his or her debts; and such devise or bequest shall be valid in any will which shall not have been made and executed at least two months before the death of the testator; and provided that no verbal mistake in the name of the said Corporation shall invalidate any gift, grant, devise, or legacy intended for it. The net income of said Society, arising from their real estate, shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars annually.

§ 3. This Corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subjected to the provisions contained in title third of chapter eighteen of the first part of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable and have not been repealed.

§ 4. This Act shall take effect immediately.

§ 5. The Legislature may at any time modify or repeal this Act.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

At the Twenty-ninth Anniversary, held in Brooklyn, May 30, 1861.

It has ever contributed to the happiness of the Executive Board, when presenting their annual report, to recognize the Divine hand in guiding them, and the Divine goodness and mercy which aided them in their progress. That happiness they experience on this occasion, as they remember all the way in which the Lord their God has led them safely to the close of another year.

DEATHS.

Yet is this happiness tempered by sorrow at the repeated bereavements of the past year. In the list of the dead for 1860-61, which accompanies this report, are found the names of cherished Christian friends, who have been fellow-laborers with us in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through the medium of this Society. Our consolation lies in the assurance of the efficacy of that Gospel in saving souls, and in preparing them for their entrance upon the eternal rewards which await the faithful servants of the Lord.

By reference to the "List of the Deceased" for the year ending March 31, it will be seen that twenty-four deaths have occurred. Of that number, ten were ministers of the Gospel, three of whom were formerly mis-

sionaries of this Society. Another, the Rev. Archibald Maclay, D.D., was elected a member of the Executive Board and its chairman, at the period of the provisional formation of the Society in 1831. In this position he was confirmed, at the regular organization in 1832, and was re-elected to fill it for seven years successively. He was also one of the vice-presidents of the Society the first twelve years after its organization. His decease occurred just previous to our last anniversary, after all the statements for the year had been made up. A failure to receive the report of the Committee on Obituaries at that anniversary makes it proper to mention his decease now. He was a good man, a faithful preacher, and a devoted servant of God.

DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

In the course of the year, thirty persons were constituted Directors for Life, nine of whom had been previously Life Members. Seven Directors have died, making the present number seven hundred and twenty.

Three hundred and fifteen persons also were constituted Members for Life. Seventeen Members have died, leaving the present number five thousand eight hundred. Total number of both classes, six thousand five hundred and twenty.

PUBLICATIONS.

The publications of the Society are, its Annual Reports, and the Home Mission Record.

The last is a monthly periodical, and the official organ of the Society for communicating to the public the transactions of the Executive Board; current intelligence in detail of the labors of its missionaries; and such miscellaneous information respecting our country, as will enable the constant reader to preserve a connected and intelli-

gent view of its advance in the important elements of national prosperity, especially through religious and moral influences.

At the commencement of its publication, it was sent gratuitously to the Life Members and Life Directors of the Society, but the list of such became numerous, increasing the expense of publication much beyond what was originally contemplated, and absorbing too large a share of funds contributed for missionary purposes. view of these facts the free list was suspended with the January number of the present year, and the support of the publication made to depend on its own income from subscribers. In the adoption of this policy the Board were encouraged by friends of the Society, and a somewhat increased subscription list has followed. But it is very important that the list should be still further increased, so that it shall be distributed in every church, carrying everywhere its rich illustrations of the grace of God in the salvation of souls, and the advance of the Redeemer's kingdom among men. For this purpose the Board invite the prompt and active co-operation of all their friends, especially those in the pastoral office.

TRACT AND BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

The missionaries of the Society are instructed to interest themselves in the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures, and of religious tracts and books within their respective fields. This duty is performed efficiently by all, but especially by those who itinerate in large frontier districts, of whom there are many.

With great pleasure the Board acknowledge the continuance of the kind offices of the American Tract Society in gratuitously supplying each of the missionaries who have made application, with five thousand pages of ex-

cellent tracts for distribution, besides much larger and more extensive appropriations of Spanish tracts and books for those who labor in New Mexico. These have proved almost indispensable aids to those missionaries. With the same kindness the American and Foreign Bible Society have supplied them with Spanish Bibles and Testaments.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

It is well known that the political troubles of the country have unfavorably affected all branches of mercantile business, and that the effects of general mercantile embarrassment are usually felt very soon by benevolent societies in their diminished revenues. Such has been the effect upon this Society the past year. The receipts into its treasury from ordinary donations for missionary purposes have fallen below those of the previous year, and during the last half of it to a degree that excited serious apprehension of necessity to recall appointments of missionaries actually on the field. Fortunately, the business system and policy of the Board proved their preservation from such or any other seriously troublesome conse-By immediately contracting their appropriations in every way consistent with sound policy, they have been able, with the exception of a few weeks, to promptly pay the salaries of the missionaries, and to close the accounts of the fiscal year in a more hopeful condition than was anticipated. It is a mortifying reflection arising from such a state of things, that less has been done in giving the Gospel to the destitute than was contemplated at the beginning of the year; but that mortification is lessened by the fact that there is no debt to embarrass future operations.

The following is a general statement of the financial condition of the Society on the 31st of March:

		Sec. 3
Balance from last year's account	\$11,273	12
Receipts from all sources during the year.	50,729	87
Total amount of resources for the year	\$62,002	99
Total amount of disbursements for the year	57,841	17
Amount of cash in the treasury, April 1, 1861.	\$4,161	82
Amount of liabilities, chiefly to missionaries, same date	4,644	15
Showing the amount to be provided for	\$482	33
Of the total amount received, there were, in ordinary contributions		
from churches and individuals		79
Being less than those of the previous year	. 5,844	13
The amount of cash received in legacies is	;)	
	7,129	45
Being less than those of the previous year	. 2,819	10
The amount received for Church-edifice Fund, including a Loan for		
a Church-edifice repaid, and Interest on the same	. 4,082	03
Being an increase over that of the previous year of	. 2,118	93
Amount of Receipts, from all sources, last year		22
Amount of Receipts, from all sources, this year	. 50,729	87
Decrease of Receipts this year	. \$7,047	35
The amount of Receipts this year includes for sufferers in Kansas	. 452	90

CHURCH-EDIFICE FUND.

Since the last anniversary, facts have been communicated to the Board which confirm their opinion, heretofore expressed, relative to the necessity of a Churchedifice Fund, and that confirmation is strengthened by favorable notice of the subject in various periodicals, and the correspondence of judicious friends, showing the advantage which would accrue to the missionary cause, and especially to the Home Mission Society, by aiding young churches in early providing places of public worship. So far as such churches in the new Western States and Territories are concerned, their dependence upon the pecuniary liberalities of the older Eastern States during a few.

of the first years of their efforts to establish the institutions of the Gospel needs no argument. The only question really remaining is, whether the people will provide missionary funds for a series of years to support preachers on fields where they have no convenient houses of worship, or supply a sufficiency for the building of such houses, with a certainty that self-sustaining churches will be raised up in them in a much shorter period. The latter effect, it is believed, would, as a general rule, follow the early building of church edifices, leaving a much larger portion of our annual receipts to be used in a more extended diffusion of the Gospel among the destitute. With a view to such an object the plan of the Churchedifice Fund has been modified. It proposes to aid chiefly the incipient efforts of churches in new and growing villages, by loans of small sums for a few years; and when refunded, to be reloaned in the same way to others. In such houses, the churches will, with the blessing of God, gather strength to provide for themselves more spacious and expensive accommodations for public worship with their own means.

It is not intended to make heavy drafts upon the friends of the measure for its accomplishment. This can be done easily, if each person possessed of only moderate pecuniary ability will contribute one dollar; and, if churches, when making contributions for any particular applicant for aid, will pass the amount collected for the purpose through the treasury of the Society, to be used on the foregoing principles.

The Board wish it clearly understood, that it is not their intention to accumulate and invest a large amount of money, the interest of which only is to be expended, but that the entire amount shall be employed in building church edifices. We are happy to state that a number of individuals and churches have patronized the plan, and there is reason to believe that, but for the specially embarrassed condition of financial interests in the country generally, very considerable additions would have been made to the amount already received for the purpose.

Accompanying this report will be published various documents, showing more in detail the practical importance and working of the plan. To these we invite attention; and for the success of the measure, ask the co-operation of all its friends.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

The past fiscal year opened with the most encouraging The treasury had been liberally supplied prospects. during the previous year, especially in the last month of it, and important fields of usefulness invited the introduction of missionaries. With the hope that, at least, the usual amount of monthly supplies would promptly reach the treasury, a considerable expansion of missionary operations was commenced, chiefly in the newer and more distant portions of the country. An additional missionary was sent to California, whose designation was providentially changed to Oregon; two others, residents of California, and two in Oregon and Washington Territory, would have been added to the number there, and still others would have been appointed to occupy other important stations, but our hope was soon disappointed. The receipts from the beginning of the year, were insufficient to justify large appropriations, and during the last half of it, nothing more could be done than to meet the claims of missionaries already on the field, as their salaries became due, from month to month. With the exception of a few weeks this has been done, and all the missionaries have been retained

and provided for, except such as, for usual causes, have ceased to look to the Society for aid.

The names of missionaries, assistant missionaries, and agents, the fields they occupy, and various details of their appointment and labors, are presented in the Missionary Table accompanying this report.

SUMMARY OF LABORS AND RESULTS.

The number of missionaries and others who labored the whole or a part of the year was 131. Of this number 108 were in commission at the commencement of the year, and 23 were appointed subsequently. Twenty-four preached in foreign languages.

The number of States and Territories occupied was 15, viz., Canada, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, California, Oregon, and New Granada.

The number of stations and out-stations supplied was 371. The aggregate amount of time bestowed in labor was equal to that of one man for upward of 109 years.

According to the reports of the missionaries, revivals of religion have occurred at 21 places, 867 persons have been baptized (of whom 34 had been previously Roman Catholics, and 41 foreign Lutherans), 71 churches were organized, 54 ministers were ordained, 9 church edifices were completed, and 15 others were commenced.

The churches which were aided by the Society, contributed to the usual objects of Christian benevolence, chiefly for missionary purposes, \$4,561.90, and for the support of the Gospel among themselves \$18,239.27. Six churches, aided for a few years by the Society, have become self-sustaining.

For various other items of labor, and its results, we refer inquirers to the foot-note on this page.*

This summary, while exhibiting many gratifying fruits of missionary effort, falls far short of the ardent hopes and expectations of the Board at the commencement of the It shows that, with a somewhat smaller force employed, a considerably larger amount of labor has been performed the past year than in the previous one, and that greater success attended that labor. On account of the comparatively small amount of means received, only a limited number of new appointments could be prudently made, while applications for them constantly increased, and finally became very numerous. That the Board should be enabled, by the liberality of the Society and its friends, to comply with such applications is obvious, from the fact that a large emigration continues to flow westward, filling more densely the older States, increasing the population of existing territories; and, by penetrating the wide wastes of the West still further, rendering necessary the formation of others. Kansas, which, last year, was only a territory, has passed to the dignity of a State. Nebraska and New Mexico will probably soon follow. only a few years, Washington will be prepared for the

*	In a 3 3:41	4. 41 1	the missionaries report	the following.
-	in addition	to the above.	the missionaries report	the following:

Sermons preached	14,122
Lectures and addresses	1,618
Pastoral visits	34,563
Prayer and other meetings attended	10,931
Signatures to Temperance Pledge	373
Miles traveled in discharge of duty	162,906
Schools visited	449
Sabbath schools in the churches	181
Bible classes	137
Number of teachers	1,271
Number of scholars	9,496
Volumes in S. S. libraries	21,703
Stations where monthly concert of prayer is observed	60
Preparing for the ministry	17

same change. Already Dakota, Nevada, and Colorado are authorized by Congress to place themselves in the list of new territories.

REINFORCEMENTS NEEDED.

In all the present States of the far West a large reinforcement of missionary strength is requisite. Ground is lost to us every month, in which they are left unsupplied. Thousands of people are scattered over those States, among whom are many of sterling character, and yet more, who are now attached to our denominational institutions, and advocate our sentiments. They have gone away from old associations and influences, and are, in altogether too large numbers, rapidly passing under the influence of the powers of darkness. Even members of our churches are recreant to their covenant vows, because they are so far removed from the counsels and prayers of ministers of the Gospel. With the exception of Nebraska and New Mexico, we have not a single missionary in either of the new territories named, and we are not aware of their being any Baptist minister regularly preaching the Gospel there. For the proper supply of those territories, or even for the support of only two missionaries in each, we have not the needful means, nor could we send one for each, without withdrawing means already appropriated and much needed in the older sections of the West. The amount necessary for these purposes in addition to that requisite to maintain our present operations is not less than thirty thousand That sum should be placed at the disposal of the Board within the ensuing year; and, if possible, it should be provided immediately. The cry of our brethren in those distant parts is even now before us, couched in as earnest and affecting terms as those of the man of Macedonia, that we should come over and help them. And such appeals increase with every month. All that the Board have been able to do for months past has been to encourage new applicants to expect aid whenever it may be in their power; but until they are made able by the liberalities of their brethren, the hope of those anxious applicants must be deferred, though years pass over them unaided, though other hands than ours may, for good or evil, minister to their wants, or though they themselves pass away from all the wants and neglects of this world, and with them thousands of others, for whose immortal interests they pleaded, but pleaded in vain.

OUR NATION'S TIME OF TROUBLE.

The Board are not forgetful of the trying times which have come over the nation-of mercantile derangements, of financial embarrassments, and of civil war. that God would graciously remove those troubles, and avert the dangers, which threaten to grow out of them. Neither are we forgetful of the moral evils which, in times of peace, and much more in war, exist and spread their dark pall over the millions who are stricken with spiritual death—evils which threaten the stability of our free institutions, the usefulness, happiness, and even the existence of our churches—evils, which assail our sons and daughters, and the purity of our moral character; evils which would obstruct our advance in civilization, stealthily undermine the foundations of our national liberty, and destroy the rich advantages of our social compact.

OUR NATION'S GROUND OF HOPE.

On the other hand, we do not overlook the past history of our country, and the influence of pure Christianity in the formation of its character, nor the indispensable necessity for its perpetuation in the higher exaltation of that character, in increasing its civil and religious influence among the nations of the earth, and especially in preparing men for the great day of the Lord. Amid such considerations, we see in the times, which now try men's souls, no reason for relaxing the spirit of benevolence, but far weightier obligations, resting on all, to promote the cause of Jesus Christ, though the cost of the effort may assume the proportions of an actual sacrifice for his name's sake. The gold and silver are his, not ours. Our loved, but threatened country, its helpless churches, and endangered souls, need its expenditure, and Christ, the King of Zion, requires that we bring all our tithes into his storehouse. Shall we, because of grievous troubles, because even of civil war and all its train of fearful evils, withhold the reasonable offering? Shall we not rather obey him, and see if he will not pour us out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it?

By order of the Executive Board,

BENJAMIN M. HILL,

Corresponding Secretary.

EXPLANATION OF THE FOLLOWING MISSIONARY TABLE.

The parallel columns show-

- 1. The names of agents and missionaries, and the States in which they reside.
- 2. The post-office address of agents and missionaries.
- 3. The field of labor occupied by agents and missionaries.
- 4. The dates at which the appointments commence.
- 5. The number of months for which the appointments are respectively made.
- 6. The number of weeks' labor performed during the time reported.
- 7. The number of stations and out-stations supplied.*
- 8. The number of persons baptized by the missionaries within the time reported.
- 9. The number received by letter.
- 10. The number of scholars in Sabbath schools under care of missionaries.†
- 11. The amount contributed to benevolent objects.
- 12. Additional facts reported concerning the state and progress of the churches.t

^{* &}quot;Stations" are churches or villages regularly supplied on the Lord's day, and are indicated in column three. "Out-stations" are places where the missionaries have stated appointments for preaching more or less frequently.

[†] In new places, where Union schools are established, the number of scholars connected with Baptist families only are reported.

[‡] In many cases, two lines appear for the same missionary, extending through all the columns. In such cases, the second line indicates a reappointment of the missionary, and the dates in column four determine to which appointment or year the statistics and remarks on the different lines belong. A particular notice of those dates is necessary to a proper understanding of certain changes which appear against the names of some individuals.

MISSIONARY TABLE.

ADDITIONAL FACTS REPORTED.	150 00 Families leaving the Ch. of Rome to unite with 75 00 Revival. 71 63 The priest trying to reclaim Baptist converts, who foresook them. 72 50 A good state of religious interest. 19 60 Gaual interest. 24 00 Revival. Laboring with success. All the above stations and missionaries have hear discontinued			
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Contrib. to Benevolent Objects.	75 00 75 00 71 65 79 56 24 06			
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Received by Letter.	122 6 6 6 6 7 7 7 0 3			
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Weeks labor reported.	888 888	25	52	52
Months Commis'd.	222 222	22	2222	22
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POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		Concord	Newton Centre Lanesboro'	Williamsburgh
NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	CANADA (EAST). GRANDE LIGNE MISSION. Narcisse Cyr. Louis Roussy. St. Marie de Monnoi N. Duyal. Pike River. Louis Pasche. South Ely. J. D. Rossier.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.	MASSACHUSETTS. J. W. Parkhurst. J. V. Ambler.	James S. Ladd

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Months Commis'd.	222	122	22	12		222
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FIELD OF LABOR.	Central New York.	odstown	West Greenville	Germans in W	Troy.	Grand Rapids
POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Aubarn	M	West Greenville	Wilmington	lroy	irand Rapids ortsmouth last Saginaw
NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	Charles Randall Auburn	NEW JERSEY.	PENNSYLVANIA. Demas I Clouse West Greenville	J. C. Haselhuhn Wilmington	OHIO. T. P. Childs Troy	MICHIGAN. S. F. Holt. Alred Handy. J. S. Goodman. East Saginaw

ADDITIONAL FACTS REPORTED.	20 00 Resigns on account of ill health. 51 00 Revival. Need no further aid. 19 75 Sunday school in a flourishing condition. 37 50 Realth not good. 112 50 Resigned. 68 39 Prospects encouraging The faith of the church increasing. 300 00 Organized a church at Zanesville Some progress.	Completed their church edifice. Revival. 60 Churches revived. Left the country to preach the Goopel in Sweden. 34 00 Organized a church at an out-station. Resigned. Left the field for another.	Exploring agent and general itinerant. 26 60 Need a larger church edifice. Encouraging progress. 7 56 Church weakened by removals. Pastor resigned. 10 00 Commenced a church edifice. Organized a church revived.
Contrib. to Benevolent Objects.	20 00 19 75	2 000 48	26 00 N 7 55 C 10 00 C
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POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Columbia City Wabash. Westville. Oolumbia City Plymouth Huntington Roanoke. Goshen		
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ADDITIONAL FACIS REPORTED.	2 40 Sunday school prosperous. Is encouraged but feel the pressure of the hard times. 3 00 Progressing. Sunday school increasing in in-	Terest. Some unconverted awakened. More respect for religion by the people generally. Prospects discouraging. The place much deserted by the neonle.	Slowly gaining ground. Secured a good lot for a church edifice. 4 55 Religion in a low state.	12 00 Leaves the field. Society in a formative state 2 10 Church discouraged. Pastor leaves the field. Church dismissed their pastor in order to complete their church ediffee.	75 Resigned. 25 Declension of religion in the place. 21 Improved religious feeling Leaves the field for health.	14 00 Finished church edifice. Need no further aid. 71 00 Former prejudices against Baptists giving way Some progress. 20 00 Harmonizing conflicting elements Bought a church edifice.	6 00 Leaves the place on account of ill health. General declension in the city. 4 50 Resigns on account of poor health. Paid debt on church edifice. 6 50 Pecuniary prospects more encouraging.
Contrib. to Benevolent Objects.	2 40 S	17 50 S 6 00 P	8 8 E	2 10 21	7 75 10 25 129 21	14 00 11 00 E	5 00 I 4 50 E 6 50 I
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FIELD OF LABOR.	Germans in Milwaukee Germans in Racine	Stevens Point.	Waubeck and vicinity Kichland Centre, etc. Oscola and vicinity	Watertown Stanton and vicinity Mauston, etc.	Hudson	Salem and vicinity Watertown Willow River Valley Madison	Kingston and vicinity
POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Milwaukee	stevens Point.	Dunnville Chippewa. Richland Centre. Osceola Mills		Hudson Waupaca Oshkosh	La Crosse. Watertown Kichmond. Madison	Jonas Woodward Cedar Rapids. Thomas M. Ind Burlington
NAMES OF AGENTS AND MESSIONARIES.	Theodore Ulbricht Milwaukee	L. H. Cooley.	Wm. Sturgeon. Denis Mulhern. S. T. Catlin.	J. B. Patch. Harmon Ellis. W. J. Chapin. D. A. Peck.	W. F. Nelson	Wm. H. Card. La C J. J. McIntire. Watt T. B. Rogers. Rich W. H. Brisbane. Madi Benj. L. Brisbane. Mon	IOWA. Jonas Woodward. Thomas M. Ind. George Scott.

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J. Edminster Cam	Camanche	Camanche	Aug. 1, 1860		12	26 1	1	-	:		Completed church edifice. Have facilities for
W. W. Moore McG	McGregor	McGregor	Dec. 1, 1860	1860	9	13 1		-	126		75 00 Organized a church of eighteen members
MINNESOTA.											
Amory Gale Minneapolis.	Minneapolis	Minnesota	April 1, 1860		122	52	44	10	190		Exploring agent and general itinerant. Purchased and paid for a convenient place of
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John C. Hyde St. Anthony	St. Anthony	St. Anthony	Mar. 1, June 1, June 1,	1859 1860 1	22	39	: : :	4	125		3 15 Piety of the church increased. Repairing their church edifice, but need a bet-
W. C. Shepard	Wasioja		-			26 3	:	20	70	10	ter one. Encouraging indications,
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D. Wharvoll	wadashaw	wadashaw	May 1,	1, 1860		30		120	110		Resigned.
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A. Norelius Redwing	wing	Swedes in Wastado and So.	•		_		_		5	:	The state of the s
"	c	Minnesota			-	52	=	7	22	20	89 Church blessed with steadfastness.
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H. C. Hazen Faribault	Faribault	Faribault	Jan. 1, 1	1860	-	39 3	_		80	:	Good indications of spiritual progress.
Frastus Westcott Rocl		Rochester	Jan. 1, 1 Aug. 1, 1	1861 1	122	:	:	:00	92	17	Church united and prosperous. Pastor resigned.
Wm. C. Phillips St.	Cloud	St. Cloud		1859 1		13 2	01-	:00	42	00	00 Revival at an out-station. Prospects good. Commenced a church edifica
- II-a M O			, , , ,								at Silver Creek
Geo. W. Fuller Chatheld	Chatheld	Chatfield	June 1, 1	1859		200	=-		202	61	00 Revival. Organized a church at an out station of Progressing.
J. F. Wilcox Northfield	:	Northfield	Aug. 1, 1	1859	12 2	26 3	:0	100	42	:	Paetor encouraged
A. M. Torbet Tayl	Taylor's Falls.	. Taylor's Falls and St. Croix	April 1, 1			:		1	6	:	rasioi encouragem
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A. Smith Lyon Newport		Newport and Cottage Grove June 1,	une 1, 1		1221	39 39	; ; ;	1	50		50 05 Need a church edifice.
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ADDITIONAL PACIS REPCRIED.	Building a church edifice at Warsaw. Will do without further aid. Church in Jordan revived. Harmony and spirituality prevail in the Revival at Silver Creek and a church of see a church edifice. Need a church edifice. Revival in Mankato. Decleasion at Silver hely and hankato. Decleasion at Church at High Forest commenced a church at High Forest commenced a church at High Forest commenced a church united. Would be encouraged debt on church edifice. Paying debt on church at an out-station. Jongregation falling off for want of a ch. Scople generally indifferent to religion. Sunday school interesting and hopeful.	Revival of religion. Revival. Increased attention to religion. Oh. revived and prospects encouraging.
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NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	Isaac Waldron H. B. Slater Moses Heath. E. F. Gurney R. H. Weeks. S. Utter S. Utter M. W. Hopkins O. O. Stearns. M. W. Hopkins D. L. Rabcock. Eljah S. Smith Wilton J. R. A. Green S. Cares Winona Winona J. A. Peterson Scandia Bear Valley Bear Valley	G. W. Barnes G. W. Barnes J. G. Bowen John M. Taggart J. D. P. Hungate. Tekamah.

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ADDITIONAL FACIS REPORTED.	People attentive to the preaching of the Gospel.	Church strengthened and encuraged. Many of	00 Revival. Need a church edifice. En	oy suncerngs of the people generally. Organized a church. Building a church edifice. Progressing of the people, and political throubles, give them but little time for reli-	gion. Famine very severe in his field. Organized a church at Green Valley.	suffering from famine. Organized a church at Irving. Great want among his people. Pastor lost his library by			Catholic priest at Toas acting independently of the bishop, teaching the people that the Rible	is the only rule of faith and practice. Mr. Shaw well received by him. Bibles and religious books much inquired for by	the people. Has a day school, which he finds advantageous.	people of the best standing for intellect and virtue in the community. Romanists endeavoring to break up his school.
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FIELD OF LABOR.		Lawrence.	. Manhattan	Topeka, etc.	Lawrence Oskaloosa and Hebron	Brown and Lebanon Cos	. Neosha Valley		Socorro, etc	, n	Santa Fe	" Oct. 1, 1860 12
POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Lawrence	Wathena	Manhattan	Topeka. Olathe,	Lawrence. Oskaloosa. Mound City	Hiawatha	Hartford		Socorro	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Santa Fe	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
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ADDITIONAL FACTS REPORTED.	Taken sick. Health improved so as to talk to the people who visit him. Been elected Governor of the Pueblo by the same parties who formerly persecuted him.	People anxious to hear the Gospel. Some give encouraging attention, others mal-	Encouraged by the willingness of the people to hear the truth. Work reladed for the want of religious books, passes are a more received.	nines, sun treatments. People devoted to idolatry and vice, and but few listen to preaching.	Building a church edifice in Brooklyn. Finished the church edifice, and will do without further aid. Need a church edifice. A good feeling among the members of the ch. Finished a good church edifice, and gaining influence in the community.	9 00 Organized a church. Is encouraged.
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STATE CONVENTIONS

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GENERAL ASSOCIATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES,

With the Names and Post-office Addresses of the Corresponding Secretaries; the Time and Place of their Anniversaries for 1861; the number of Missionaries employed, and amount of Receipts into their Treasuries for 1860, including Balances of the previous year.

STATES.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.	PLACES OF NEXT ANNIVERSARY.	Time of Anniversary.	Number of Missionaries.	Amount of Receipts for Dom. Miss. in 1860.
Maine*	N. M. Wood	Waterville				
New Hampshire	K. S. Hall	Manchester	Lake Village	Oct. 16	16	\$1612 25
Vermont	T. H. Archibald	Mount Holly	Factory Point	Oct. 2	12	2300 14
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New Jersey	J. M. Carpenter	. Jacobstown	Newark	Oct. 29	19	2212 53
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Maryland	A. Fuller Crane	Baltimore	Baltimore	Nov. 13	13	3953 14
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Total amount reported for Home and Domestic Mission purposes....\$106,467 04

^{*} No reports received from these States.

AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS

FROM ALL THE STATES SINCE 1832.

STATES.	Total Amount 1850.	to	1851–1856	5.	1856.	1857.		1858.		1859		1860.	1	1861.	
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New York	100,644		79,584			14,855	15	13,950		13,615		20,763 8		16,360	
New Jersey	14,990			29	2,985 34	2,498		2,637		3,427		4,519 6		2,344	
Pennsylvania	9,449		12,388 3		2,507 89	1,894		2,277		3,512	17	3,354 3		2,326	
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LIST OF LEGACIES

PAID TO THE SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

1834	Dea. Josiah Penfield, Savannah, Ga., per Rev. H. O. Wyer.	\$1250	00
1835	Mrs. Clarissa Long, Shelburne, Mass., per W. Wilder, Esq., Executor	37	50
"	William Powers, Hebron, N. H., per Rev. I. Merriam	100	00
.44	Miss Maria Curtis, Southbridge, Mass., per Rev. E. Going	200	00
**	Mrs. Jemima Elliott, Hampton, Ct., per Rev. J. Payne, Executor	100	00
1836	Mrs. Betsey Sprague, Attleboro', Mass., per Mr. A. Reed, Executor	451	25
"	Robert Rodgers, Newport, R. I	25	00
**	Ebenezer Boyd, Providence, R. I.	10	00
1839	Mrs. Abigail Marshall, New York, per Mr. Schofield, Executor	702	17
"	Mrs. Margaret Pugsley, Dutchess Co., N. Y., per Miss Cornelia Pugsley	280	00
et	Mrs. Irene Coats, New York, per Alfred Decker, Esq	250	00
1841	Mrs. Elizabeth G. Moore, Hartford, Ct., per J. B. Gilbert	200	00
	Nathaniel Tucker, Milton, Mass., per W. D. Ticknor	200	50
	Mrs. Margaret Martin, Montgomery, N. Y., per Mr. J. J. Martin, Executor	100	
- 44	Miss Cynthia M. Wright, Suffield, Ct., per H. Sheldon, Administrator		00
1844	Mr. Zephaniah Eddy, New Bedford, Mass., per Rev. H. Jackson, Executor	150	
44	Mr. Josiah Kendall, Groton, Mass., per F. E. Wheelock and Rev. A. Sanderson, Executors	1150	
"	Miss Jane McCall, Society Hill, S. C., per John McIver		00
	Miss Lydia Sweetzer, South Reading, Mass., per H. Sweetzer	324	
"	Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin, New York, per one of her heirs		34
"	Josiah Flint, Cornish, N. H., per Mr. A. Burnap.		00
44	Thomas Cooper, Esq., Eatonton, Ga., per Hon. M. A. Cooper, Executor	2000	
"	Miss Betsey Hutchinson, Passumpsic, Vt., per L. P. Parks		00
"	Rev. Amos Dodge, Brighton, Macoupin Co., Ill., by his widow		00
"	Mr. John Ward, Warren, N. Y., per J. Northrop and A. Ward, Executors	847	
	Joseph H. Hayden, Saybrook, Ct., per H. L. Champlin, Executor	100	
	John Allen, Centreville, R. I., per H. Hamilton, and Rev. E. K. Fuller, Executors	3805	
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"	Rev. Jesse Mercer, Wilks Co., Ga., per B. M. Saunders, Executor		75
44	Miss Mary Bliven, McDonough, N. Y., per Rev. John Peck,		00
"	Mrs. Betsey Haykes, Cincinnatus, N. Y., per Trustees of the Baptist Society		00
44	Mrs. Charlotte Cole, Alexandria, Va., per Robert Bell, Executor	1105	
"	Dea. Medad Jackson, W. Meredith, N. Y., per H. Jackson and W. Stillson, Executors		00
44	Mrs. Urania Grant, West Wrentham, Mass., per R. E. Eddy		00
	Mr. Richard Dubois, Malta, N. Y., per H. J. Rodgers, Executor	100	
1041	Dea. Saxton Bailey, Lebanon, Ct., per Executor	250	
"	Mr. Lewis Porter, Covert, N. Y., in advance, per J. McLellan		
"	Miss Mary Havens, St. Catharine, Canada West, per Rev. E. Savage		93
"	Miss Amanda Hadley, Brattleboro', N. H., per Rev. J. Z. Foster		00
"	James Shearer, Canada West, per Rev. E. Savage	151	
	L. Crossman, Elbridge, N. Y., in advance		00
1848	William Jones, Iowa City, Iowa, per G. W. Hampton, Executor		00
"	Hon. James Vanderpool, Newark, N. J., per B. Vanderpool, Executor	1000	1000
"	Miss Susan Farrar, Keene, N. H., per G. Robins.		00
"	Mrs. Eunice Nicholls, Cambridge, Mass., per E. Mansfield, Executor		
	Mrs. Hannah Carleton, Portland, Me., per Rev. G. J. Carleton, Administrator		
	Mr. Samuel R. Stelle, Piscataway, N. J., per Lewis R. Stelle, Esq., Executor	200	
"	Mrs. Phebe Gale, East Bennington, Vt., per Executor of Estate of S. Harmon		00
"	Mr. William Reynolds, Boston, Mass., per J. H. Duncan, Esq., and Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds,		
"	Executors, a part (\$625) in secured notes	1500	
"	Josiah Lyman, Andover, Ct., per N. B. Lyman, Executor		00
	John J. Martin, Montgomery, N. Y., per M. Bookstaver, Executor	1000	0.0

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"	P. F. Brayton, Providence, R. I., per A. K. and Rev. J. Brayton.	50	
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"	Daniel Cummings, Chelsea, Mass., per Mr. Eaton, Executor	1000	
"	Mrs. Mary Leuce, Bristol, R. I., per S. F. Baars		50
"	D. Valentine, Washington, Pa., per H. W. Wilson, Executor	239	
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	Miss Eliza Jackson, Hamilton, N. Y., per Prof. P. B. Spear	100		
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	Miss Achsah Cox, Imlaystown, N. J.	50		
	Samuel Stone, Dundee, Mich., T. Babcock, Executor	30		
	Louisa S. Platt, Haverhill, Mass., S. Peaslie, Executor	35		
	Mrs. Hannah Kent, Danversport, Mass	100		
	Manley Street, Holyoke, Mass	25		
	Mrs. Lorain Sheldon, Suffield, Ct	355		
41	Mrs. Abigail Hatch, Boston, Mass., per Thomas Mair, Executor	1491		
46	David Stanton, Penn's Neck, N. J., per George Kelton, Executor	165		
41	Rev. Azel Waters, Miama, Ia., per C. W. Morgan, Executor	219		
1894	Mrs. Rachael Prescott, per John Crockett, Executor.	100		
	Azariah Snow, Lunenburgh, Vt., per John Snow, Executor	15		
44	Mrs. E. K. Babcock, Jay, N. Y., per Rev. J. J. Babcock		75	
44	Wm. Cook, Worcester, N. Y.	100		
	Mrs. Elizabeth Hovey, Cambridge, Mass., George Cummings, Executor	3000		
41	Hannah Godfrey, Hastings, N. Y., C. A. Wilson, Executor		00	
44	Betsey Miller, Earlville, N. Y., per L. H. Miller	100		
"	Mrs. Phebe Mulford, Roadstown, N. J., per I. Smalley, Executor		00	
4.	Eannah S. Trask, Fall River, Mass., R. C. Brown and Joseph Borden, Executors	402		
44	Miss Catharine Sharp, Barre, N. Y., in part, per A. L. Daniels	415		
44	Miss Achsah Pierce, Mohawk, N. Y., per Rev. H. T. Love	149		
44	Michael Shepherd, Salem, Mass., per H. F. Shepherd, Executor	2957 300		
**	Cornelia A. Perry, Centre White Creek, N. Y., per Nathaniel Cottrell, Executor	100		
44	Mrs. Eleanor Willard, Harvard, Mass		00	
44	Sabina Bennett, West Eaton, N. Y	100		
	Jabez Keep and wife, Cortlandville, N. Y., per Rev. Henry Bowen	789		
44	Aaron Treat, North Stonington, Ct.,		00	
44	Mrs. Martha Straton, Woburn, Mass., per B. Millett, Executor, in part		42	
44	Mrs. Franklinia E. Aikman, Burlington, N. J.	508		
44	J. B. Jones, Roxbury, Mass., per S. Walker and G. B. Jones, Executors	1000		
"	Mrs. Sarah H. Canfield, Stanford, N. Y., per Cor. N. Campbell, Executor		90	
"	Mrs. Jane B. Dustin, Concord, N. H., Enos Blake, Executor		00	
44	Miss Martha Whiting, Charlestown, Mass., Interest on her Legacy, per A. J. Bellows, Ex.		00	
44	Mrs. Susan Hull, Adams, N. Y., per Abram Sheldon, Executor		00	
66	Benjamin Porter, Danvers, Interest on his Legacy		50	
44	Miss Deborah Flock, Lawrence, N. J., per James B. Coleman, Executor	100	00	,
"	Elisha Ashley, Poultney, Vt., per J. Joslin, Executor	500	00	,
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44	Joel Hayford, Farmersville, N. Y., per Jarvis Leonard, Executor	50	00	,
44	Miss Amelia M. Cone, Philadelphia, per O. W. Davis	51	13	
44	Daniel Flagg, Littleton, Mass	50	00	,
. 44	Lucy F. Granger, Mass., per B. J. Spaulding	50	00	•
14	Interest on legacy of Polly Browning, Waterford, Ct	39	09	
46	Mrs. Abigail Lamb, Newton, Mass., Eben Stone, Executor	800	00	,
"	Micajah Reynolds, Newark, N. J., Messrs. Hollyer and Kitchell, Executors	2131	00	,
"	Miss Betsey Harriman, Georgetown, Mass., in part	500	00)
"	Mrs. Lucy Johnson, West Medbury, Mass., per Rev. E. C. Messenger	200	00	,
"	Miss Catharine Orcutt, Cambridgeport, Mass	284	1 00)
	Miss Anna Marchant, Barnstable, Mass., Freeman Marchant, Executor		00	
. "	Joseph McCulloch, Newport, R. I., W. D. Southwick, Executor		00	
"	Mrs. Phebe Taylor, Syracuse, N. Y., in part		00	
**	Sarah S. T. Davis, Gaines, N. Y., per Jesse S. Wetmore		5 00	
**	John Tustin, Chester Springs, Pa	. 10	00)

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46	Henry Case, Sweden, N. Y., Rev. Z. Case, Executor	150 (
.41	Rev. Jacob Drake, Delaware, Ohio	544 2	
44	Miss Mary True, Plainfield, N. H., Reuben True, Executor	200 (-
-11	Lucy A. Roberts, Cromwell, Ct., Mrs. Hubbard, Executrix	50 (
41	An aged sister, Thetford, Vt., per W. W. Baker	20 (
44	Lucy F. Gray, Chelmsford, Mass	60 9	
	Isaac Morse, New Woodstock, N. Y	50 (100
41	Mrs. Mary E. Arnold, W. Medway, Mass., per Rev. E. C. Messenger, a part in Bank Stock.	425	
41	Junia Freeman, Rushford, N. Y., E. B. Freeman, Executor	53	
44	Thomas Wakefield, Waterville, N. Y., Henry Tower, Executor	200	
41	Anna Crossman, Sheldon, Vt., Hon. George Green, Executor	65	
**	Betsey Harrimon, Georgetown, Mass	152	
"	Elijah Withington, Morrisania, N. Y., Saml. Wilde and others, Executors	100	
1860	Tirza E. Gilman, Sanbornton, N. H., Benj. N. Smith, Executor	50	
41	Rufus Fiske, Cambridge, Mass., Susan Fiske, Executrix	10	
44	Mrs. J. W. Putnam, Chicopee Falls, Mass., Rev. R. K. Bellamy, Executor	300	
11	Miss Phebe Arnold, Jay, N. Y.	2300	
ac	Margaretha Medera, New York, Rev. Thomas T. Devan, Executor	2500	
44	Harvey Tracy, Tunbridge, Vt., per Rev. Leonard Tracy	50	
a	Miss Sarah Bartholomew, Pa., Jonathan Roberts, Executor	47	
a	Estate of Lydia Sherwood, Bridgeport, Ct., per Dea. A. Day	278	
	Dea. Benjamin Warren, Augusta, N. Y., in part,	89	
41	Catharine Westgate, Plainfield, N. H., Earl Westgate, Executor	200	
"	Joseph McCracken, New York, per A. B. Capwell	423	
	Mrs. Huldah B. Slosson, Pitcher, N. Y., per E. A. Fish, Executor	25	
**	Fanny C. Randall, Oneida Castle, N. Y., O. P. Root, Administrator	50	
	Johnson N. Reynolds, Pulteney, N. Y., J. J. Reynolds and David Armstrong, Executors	500	
44	Mrs. Willard Putnam, Danverse, Mass.	100	
"	Elijah Carey, Brookline, Mass., with interest	537	
46	John Benton, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., with interest, per A. B. Capwell	341	
**	Catharine Burd, Baptist Town, N. J., per Elder Thomas Barrass		00
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IMPORTANT WHEN WILLS ARE MADE.

Legacies are sometimes diverted from the purposes of testators on account of technical informalities especially in the devising clause. The form of bequest, to which we solicit the careful attention of those friends who kindly intend to place the Society among their legatees, as one which, if followed, will secure to us the favors intended, is as follows:

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

"I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in New York, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two, the sum of ————dollars, for the purposes of said Society."

Please remember to use the word "Baptist," and to write "Mission," instead of "Missionary."

ADDRESS

OF THE

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY,

ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ANNIVERSARY, MAY 30, 1861.

DEAR BRETHREN,—I was deprived of the pleasure of attending the last Anniversary held at Cincinnati, Ohio, at which time you elected me as your presiding officer, and this is the first opportunity I have had to acknowledge the honor then conferred.

I appreciate this mark of distinction as one I am unworthy to bear, or have the ability to sustain; yet, as you have placed me here, by God's help and your cooperation, I will endeavor to discharge the duties of the office according to my best ability, praying for that "wisdom which cometh down from above," and is able to direct at all times and under all circumstances.

Fifteen years ago you met with this church, to celebrate the fourteenth anniversary of this Society; it was at that anniversary, in 1846, when radical changes were made in the Constitution of the Society, by which it dissolved its auxiliary relations with all the State organizations and became a distinct and independent body, with properly defined character and powers, which have since that period governed its action. An interesting and detailed account of those changes may be found in the Decennial Review of the Executive Board, published in the Twentieth and Twenty-fifth Reports of the Society, 1852 and 1857. To-day, in the providence of God, we are again permitted to meet with this same church, which was once the spiritual home of Dr. Going, the founder of the Society, and of Luther Crawford, his successor in the Secretaryship, to hold our Twenty-ninth Anniversary.

While we would thank God for the continuance of this our beloved Society, and for his fostering care which has ever been over it, we have to mourn the loss, by death and removal, of most of those who then composed the Executive Board; there are present with us to-day only one officer and two of the managers, who occupied those positions at that time. These changes are incidents in human life which should prompt us all to work diligently in our Master's service while we have opportunity.

I have ever esteemed my twelve years' service in the Executive Board, as one of the greatest privileges of my life—that of laboring with my brethren in the glorious cause of Home Missions—a work commenced by our Savior when here upon earth, and committed to his apostles, saying, begin at Jerusalem, and from thence go forth throughout the whole world preaching my Gospel to every creature. This is emphatically the work which this Society is now, and ever has been doing, and God grant it may continue to do until the end of time.

The Treasurer will report to you the financial condition of the Society, and the Corresponding Secretary will give a detailed account of the management and operations of the Society for the past year, which precludes the necessity of any further remarks from me.

TESTIMONIALS FROM STATE CONVENTIONS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions and Publications ask leave to report:

That they regard the American Baptist Home Missionary Society as occupying a position of primary importance among the instrumentalities for evangelizing the world. Their aim is single, and their field clearly defined. So far as men and means are furnished, they aim to give the Gospel of Jesus Christ to North America. This field is large enough to tax the energies of American Christians, and especially of American Baptists. Considered with reference to other parts of our globe, and other portions of the great family of man, all must admit that it is a field of immeasurable importance. If we confine ourselves to these United States and Territories, it is obvious that not only the welfare of our country, but also, to a great extent, the welfare of the world, is involved in the vigorous prosecution of the work of Home Missions. Our hope for our country is in the prevalence of Christianity. Let our native and foreign population be truly converted to God, and consecrated to his service, and all our interests as a nation are safe. Let Christianity triumph here, and we shall have a mighty influence for good among the nations of the earth. We shall be strong to labor on foreign fields only as the spirit of true religion shall live and prevail and triumph at home. view of the subject, we must say, with President Hitchcock, "That the wide, wide world does not present another such missionary field as these United States." We are urged to cultivate this field by every consideration-by the dearest interests of our nation-by the millions of foreigners in our midst-by the rapid increase of our population-by the wants of the new and destitute portions of our country-by the intimate connection we have with other nations by means of commerce, education, and missions, and, above all, by the love of Christ, who has redeemed us unto God by his most precious blood. Shall this field be cultivated? Shall the work of Home Missions be sustained and carried forward? We appeal to the pastors and members of the Baptist churches in New Hampshire, with confidence that you will give us increased sympathy and aid in this work.

VERMONT.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society is doing a great and good work, in which all our churches and members should be interested. It had in the field the past year one hundred and fifty-six laborers, employed in the following States,

Territories, or Provinces: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, California, Canada, and New Granada.

The Missionaries reported, as some of the good results of their labors during the year, the organization of fifty churches, the ordination of twenty-four ministers, the baptism of four hundred and ninety-six persons on a profession of their faith in Christ, and the hopeful conversion of sixty others who had not been baptized.

When we consider the rapid increase of population in our new States and Territories, the poverty and temptation in connection with many of the new settlers, and the recklessness and error abounding among residents of good pecuniary conditions; we say not, "there are four months, and then cometh harvest;" but look on the fields, for they are white, all ready to harvest.

We ask for our "Home Mission Society" the earnest prayers and generous contributions of the churches of this Convention; for, in the language of the last annual report, all candid minds will find abundant evidence of the usefulness of the Society, of the faithfulness and success of its missionaries, of the Divine approbation of their labors, and of the necessity of increased prayer and liberality in behalf of this great and good work.

CONNECTICUT.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The field which the friends of Home Missions in America are endeavoring to cultivate has been steadily and rapidly increasing in importance from year to year, until it has come to be regarded second to no other, as a missionary field. And, though our efforts in this cause have been somewhat increased, still they are far from being commensurate with its importance. To meet the religious wants of the heterogeneous mass of foreigners cast among us by Divine Providence, coming from every quarter of the globe, and representing every false religion, as well as the wants of the numerous thousands of our own countrymen who have taken up their residence in the West, we must, in harmony with the urgent appeal of Rev. John Angel James to American Christians, concentrate our religious efforts more fully upon our own country. Christian patriotism, the safety of our free institutions, as well as the commission of Christ, seem to demand this at our hands. While, therefore, we rejoice that the amount contributed to the funds of the American Baptist Home Mission Society has been considerably increased the past year, giving evidence of a more enlarged view of the importance of the object generally, we earnestly recommend a still more energetic and adequate co-operation of every friend of the cause in Connecticut.

INDIANA.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee would beg leave to report, that, in their judgment, the American Baptist Home Mission Society is entitled to a large place in the hearts of the

Baptists of this State, and to their steady and hearty co-operation. The Society this year is expending some twelve hundred dollars, and is ready to do all its funds will allow to help feeble churches in the State.

Its history is already most gratifying, and its converts are more than 26,000. Everywhere throughout this whole western country, churches exerting an extensive influence have been built up, and every religious and moral enterprise has been helped forward by the persevering labors of its devoted, self-sacrificing missionaries.

In the year 1830, the whole number of Baptist churches in all the western States was about 1817. There are now more than 6000. We must all acknowledge that the Home Mission Society, under God, has been one of the most efficient instrumentalities in the accomplishment of this glorious result.

While we will unitedly labor for the success of our Domestic Mission enterprise, let us not forget that as in former years we received largely of the Home Mission Society, so now, in our prosperity and enlargement, we should freely give, that the comprehensive plans and noble purposes of the Society may be carried out and accomplished.

IOWA.

The Committee on American Baptist Home Mission Society reported the following, which was unanimously adopted, after remarks by a number of brethren, and a special contribution of \$23.50, and \$400 pledged:

We regard the purposes, plans, and labors of the American Baptist Home Mission Society with undiminished interest, and consider it entitled to the warmest sympathies and patronage of our churches throughout the State;

- 1. Because we have the monuments and mementoes of its wise and benevolent aid before us, in the churches and ministers which so largely share in the labors of this Convention:
- 2. Because its fostering influence has called into being many of the churches, and has induced the erection of many church edifices, which are consecrated to the exhibition of the truth and ordinances of Christ, by the 12,000 Baptists of Iowa:
- 3. Because it is still engaged in doing good to our State by sustaining valuable laborers in important and commanding positions;
- 4. Because the "Macedonian cry" from the new and opening settlements of the "regions beyond" us in the vast West, can only be adequately responded to by the vigilance, zeal, and prosperity of the Society;
- 5. Because hearty co-operation with it affords the best means of promoting the interests of our own Convention, as well as those of Foreign Missions, Bible distribution, Sunday schools, and every great and good work in which our hearts and hands are, and ought to be, employed.

THE STATIONS IN NEW MEXICO.

From Rev. J. M. Shaw.

Socorro, N. M., January 5, 1861.

We have been permitted by a good Providence to prosecute our duties and labors another year without any material interruption by sickness or other cause; it is the lot of but few, if any, missionaries to labor in as unpromising and laborious a field as your missionaries in New Mexico; the bitter prejudices of the people against all Americans, and especially Protestants and Protestant missionaries, and the ignorance and vice of the people, make it more laborious and less inviting than the mission fields of our more distant brethren. But a brief review of the past gives us encouragement to hope for the future; and we have to ask, Why have we so little faith? and I often think of a remark I made, when giving a farewell address, before leaving for New Mexico, "that if I was permitted to see a native church gathered of twenty members, at the close of twenty years' labor, I should be amply rewarded for the undertaking." I have not been here half that time yet, and now have gathered around me more than twice that number of devoted brethren and sisters, who are not only willing to lay down their lives, if necessary, for the Gospel, but for us also; taking a stand-point where I stood nine years ago, when I came to this field, and the change appears such as only God can make. It is only four years since we organized our church here of eleven members, since then I have baptized more than twice the original number here, all converted Romanists, besides six I baptized into the fellowship of the church at Peralta, which now constitutes a part of my field of labor. The present number of our church here is thirty-six, two having died, and three which are not in the fellowship of the church. We should ere this, have been worshiping in our new house of worship, but for the impossibility of getting lumber to complete it, having paid for it twice, and failing in both cases to get the lumber; for the want of our house we have not been able to concentrate our efforts as much as I would desire. My congregations are small, varying from five to one hundred, according to circumstances; in Socorro we have (except on funeral occasions) from ten to twenty; in Escondida, an out-station three miles distant, from twenty to thirty; in San Antonito, another out-station, twelve miles distant, about twenty; in Tajo, another out-station, from ten to twenty; at Peralta, another station, from forty to one hundred, this is sixty miles from here, making one hundred and twenty miles' travel to and from my appointments, gathering small congregations on the way; Pulvedero is another outstation ten miles distant, where we have from eight to twelve, on baptismal occasions many more; at Lajollita I have now a house offered for another station, and the family expect soon to be baptized, this is fifteen miles distant, and will be the nucleus for another congregation. I have other places where occasionally I have congregations of from five to ten or fifteen, but not reliable; at all of the others we have members, and their congregations established, and devotion properly conducted, whether I am present or not; all of these are centres of influence, and the membership is of such material that we hope they are permanent. I have a native laborer to assist me in this field, brother Santos Teyes, a man of good report, and full of faith. Brother José McChaves also labors at Peralta. Brother Gorman will give you a report of that church, being more acquainted with its history. This year we have met with less open persecution and opposition than the past; for this reason, perhaps, we have gathered less fruit; the storm of persecution drove some souls to the ark of safety—the calm more to be dreaded, is lulling them to sleep upon the bosom of the Mother of Harlots; then we could rejoice in tribulation; neither are we without hope even now. Many are inquiring for the truth, and at no past time was there so much searching the Scriptures as at the present. The great hinderance to the people embracing the Gospel is its strict morality; their religion being consistent with the practice of the vices they so much love—hundreds acknowledge the fact, but have not the moral fortitude to embrace and practice the Christian virtues; but the Word of God which in some instances has been burned by the priests is being more reverenced, and a necessary book in a majority of the better families of this part of the territory, and they have them to study, not to accumulate dust. Religious books are sought and read with much interest; box after box of Bibles and books have been scattered like leaves from the tree of life, which are for the healing of the nations; from these agencies, so powerful for good, it is not extravagant to expect a glorious result—others may enter into our labors, and see the fruit of this seed-time, but eternity alone can unfold the untold good that has been and will be accomplished by the Home Mission Society in this dark portion of our highly favored country. May the results already attained, and the hope of the future, stimulate the friends of Home Missions to renewed effort, zeal, and prayer for the conversion of this people, so deluded by false teachers; they are a religious people, and operatitious that they will even eat the dust that collects on the images they have hung around the rooms, to which they pay their devotion as saints; those who have not had their minds imbittered against the Gospel by the priests are very easily led from this idolatry and superstition to the truth as it is in Jesus, and embrace it; but at once they are told that it is heresy and a damning sin to listen to us, and thus are intimidated by the threats and anathemas of the priests; but among the many called we trust a few will be chosen.

From Rev. S. Gorman.

SANTA FE, N. M., January 1, 1861.

Dear Brother,—As you request me to write you an annual report of my field of labor, I now endeavor to comply.

My report includes all the field within the Albuquerque Church.

At my station in Santa Fé I have preached regularly every Sabbath during the year (except one, when I was sick) at 11 o'clock, in English, and at 3 o'clock in Spanish. Connected with the Spanish preaching, we hold a prayer meeting. We have held a great many prayer meetings during the year, when our members were here laboring and visiting us. I have taught a Sabbath school every Sabbath, but one. Have had from twelve to twenty-five scholars in attendance. The number varies very much on account of frequent changes in the army. Have now but one teacher to aid me, and that one is a young sister in the church, who can not be

present only a part of the time. When we began Sabbath school we had eight teachers and twenty-five to thirty scholars. But some moved away, and some grew weary of the work, and left us to work alone.

I have taught day school eleven months of the year, and night school about six months. My labors in the school have been exceedingly toilsome, on account of the differences of ability in the scholars, and a want of uniformity in text-books.

Have had in my school during the year sixty scholars. But the average attendance has only been about twenty-five, owing to frequent changes. But, all things considered, we have held our own against the opposition and competition of the Romanists very well. They have now a convent for girls, and what they call a college for boys. This last they started since I began my school. And then to catch up what could not or would not enter these schools, they began outside day schools for boys and for girls; and, finally, to get away some of our girls that were farthest advanced, they opened their convent doors to receive outsiders, as day scholars in the convent. This last move on their part, we believe, is very unusual, and it was refused to some of those who came to my school, and who had asked to be received there before they came to me, but afterward they were invited into And as we did not have teachers in some of the higher female branches, they left us, and went to the convent. But, in return, we have received quite as many boys from their schools as they have girls from ours. In a little time, if we can have means to put up buildings, and procure suitable apparatus and teachers, we shall have a good school, if the Lord bless us.

With fond hope that we shall yet get help, as soon as the financial pressure shall have passed a little, we toil on against wind and tide. We did hope that I could visit the States, to secure this point during the present year, but circumstances seem at present to forbid it. During the year our congregations have been varied. Sometimes we would have as high as seventy-five persons at preaching; at others not over a dozen. But we have not known of any conversions, or even lasting seriousness. The community, generally, high and low, Americans and Mexicans, are so ensnared in vice and sin, that, humanly speaking, there is very little hope, for years to come, of doing any thing like reaping precious grain. Yet we hope that the seed of the Gospel will fall on some good spots, and bear fruit to the glory of God. We have been able to circulate as many books and tracts as we could get, till the last part of the year a box came, that is not quite gone yet. And indeed we had many calls that we could not supply.

Our work is not confined to Santa Fé. We come in contact with people from all parts of the territory. And often they bear away to their distant homes Bibles and other books, that will work for the enlightenment and salvation of precious souls when we are in our graves.

Brother Blas Chaves, our assistant here, is daily addressing groups of people on the streets and in the houses, and he gets a great many to hear him. Some revile, some ask questions, some listen seriously, and we believe that good is being done.

We do not have a church organized here yet. We labor in the name of the

Albuquerque Church. That church is scattered over an area of 100 miles square. There are members in eight or ten villages, some of which are a hundred miles apart.

In Peralto, ninety miles south of this place, there is, as you are aware, a church a congregation of about one hundred persons, several of whom are members, and one of their number, Brother José Maria Chaves, is a licensed preacher and assistant missionary. There have been three persons baptized within this year, and prospects are encouraging. At Los Jorales, about twenty miles still further south, are two members. At Laguna, forty-five miles west of Peralto, are three Indian members, one of whom is a licensed preacher, who is an assistant missionary, and has charge of the congregation and of the church edifice there. He has been sick over four months, and not able to preach. He reports two persons who profess conversion, and who wish to be baptized, and before his sickness things were encouraging.

At Manzana, one hundred miles southeast of this place, and about forty miles east of Peralto, we have several members and one assistant missionary. But, as neither of us missionaries have been able to visit that place within the year, we have not had any ingathering there. Nor do we know of any conversions there, although our assistant seems encouraged.

The statistics of the Albuquerque Church are as follows:

Baptized within the year three, died none, dismissed none, excluded none, present number twenty-eight members.

There are two licensed preachers, one ordained preacher, one young man studying for the ministry, one assistant missionary, and two church edifices belonging to the church.

THE WORK OF A YEAR.

The following statement of the labors of Rev. S. Pickard, an itinerant missionary in Iowa, will interest our readers:

KEOKUK, IOWA, February 28, 1861.

In rendering my last quarter's report for the year now closing, in which I have been serving the Society as missionary in Southeastern Iowa, it may not be improper for me to give you a kind of a summary of my labors, with, also, some account of my field and various interesting incidents which have occurred in connection therewith. That portion of Southeastern Iowa which I have regarded as more properly my field, contains a population of at least 100,000, not including the larger towns, such as Keokuk, Fort Madison, Burlington, and Mount Pleasant. This section is now traversed by at least three different, and each important, railroads, besides being bounded on two sides by navigable rivers, the Mississippi and Des Moines. Withal, this region is the most advanced and wealthy portion of the State of Iowa. Some neighborhoods have been settled as many as twenty years, and many farmers have now gathered around them all the luxuries and conveniences of an ancestral homestead, good residences, ample barns, full-grown orchards, umbrageous shade trees, and matured shrubbery and flower-gardens.

And yet, rich and advanced as is this region physically, it is in comparative

spiritual infancy. It is true, that, within a very short period past, the cause of Christ has greatly prospered here. Many new churches have been organized, and new laborers raised up on the field, and a few valuable ones brought into it from abroad. This is all especially true of the Baptist denomination. Our numbers and strength, within the past two years, have wonderfully increased, and increased in many instances far beyond those of our brethren of other names. I could mention at least two important localities where a few years since were quite strong churches. and where the field was entirely controlled by them, where now that denomination has almost entirely disappeared, and now strong Baptist churches exist. County, which embraces the very southeasternmost corner of the State, our membership and churches and ministry have so rapidly and largely multiplied within the past two years as to become the frequent subject of remark by outside observers. It was but a few months since that a Quaker friend met one of our brethren, and addressed him somewhat thus, "Well, friend, I do believe that dogfennel and the Baptists are going to take Lee County." But still, notwithstanding all this prosperity and increase which our cause has enjoyed, we are yet weak, and in the important and critical condition of infancy. Every thing depends upon our being able and zealous to follow up advantages now coming under our control. Should the present opportune state of affairs fail to be improved, the like favorable state of things, for building up the Baptist cause and saving the souls of sinners in this region, may never come again.

In addition to all this, which speaks loudly to the Home Mission Society for their continued help in this field, is the fact of the present comparative poverty of most of our churches. Not only are these churches young and yet weak, even in times of prosperity, but the West almost universally, and especially Iowa, has been a great sufferer by the pecuniary reverses of the past three years. The crash of 1857 came upon us all burdened with debt, and though the late harvest was a most bountiful one, and vast quantities of wheat, corn, grass, potatoes, pork, and beef, which are the great staples of our section, have gone to the market, or are ready, on the opening of spring trade, to be shipped to the East and the South, still the large returns coming in and expected for all this will fall far short of settling the immense balances which for the past three years have been standing and accumulating against the country. Our churches, therefore, can not yet undertake their own support, and that of the home missionary work which is opening and inviting us to labor on every hand. Should, therefore, the aid of the Home Mission Society at this critical juncture be withdrawn, or even their enlarged appropriations be withheld, most serious and calamitous would be the result. We therefore entreat the continued and enlarged operations of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in Southeastern Iowa.

As your missionary for the past year, I have labored 52 weeks, preached 288 sermons, attended 159 prayer meetings, visited 693 families, and 7 public schools; baptized 180 converts, received 16 on experience, and 3 by letter; organized 3 new churches; attended the ordination of 1 minister; and traveled in the discharge of my duties 3026 miles. Also there have been paid me on my field for the Home Mission Society \$200.10; for Domestic Missions \$46; and for the Iowa Baptist

Education Society \$65. Also, I may say that, during the year, I have myself conducted or aided in eleven different protracted meetings; and two of the churches organized by myself already have pastors, and are self-sustaining. In conclusion, I have only to say, the Lord has been wonderfully good to his servant, and crowned his labors with far more abundant success than his feeble faith anticipated, or his own sense of the unworthiness of his efforts deserved. To God alone be all the praise for his salvation so richly bestowed.

DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE CHURCH-EDIFICE FUND.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

A Committee appointed by the Executive Board to consider and suggest some method by which moneys contributed to assist the needy in erecting houses of worship, or paying for such as are erected, may be made available to the Churchedifice Fund of the Society, made their report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed. Among many other judicious suggestions it contains the following:

First, That this Board advise churches applied to for aid in erecting edifices, or paying a debt, to refer the case to a Committee of *judicious* business men, who shall examine and report if there is a warrantable prospect of success, and give such advice as the state of things requires.

Secondly, We suggest that this Board advise churches, contributing either to the paying a debt or erecting an edifice for worship, to do so with the express stipulation with said church that the amount given is to be credited to the Churchedifice Fund of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; said church giving said Society security to refund the same as soon, and in such sums, as they are able.

This plan has been acted upon to some extent with good effect. The givers, the receivers, and the Board have been gratified.

In order to effect uniformity in such action, we respectfully propose the following system for such as are disposed to favor the plan:

1. That, in all cases, when a church is disposed to admit an application for aid to build a church edifice, or to pay a debt for one already built, a Committee be appointed, as recommended above.*

2. If the case is favorably entertained, that the necessary traveling expenses of the visiting agent be paid him, and the balance of his collections be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Society for the Church-edifice Fund, and designated for the aid, first, of the church for which it was contributed. If any

^{*}In cities where there are several churches, a standing Committee, consisting of members from each church, might prove a convenience and advantage.

number of years* is agreed upon for the repayment of the loan, or any amount of interest which the people are to pay for the use of the money, let a specific statement of it be made to the Treasurer, in the letter accompanying the money, and let the agent be supplied with a certificate of the amount sent to the Treasurer, and the terms of the loan.

3. If the contributors have no special wish to fix the terms of such loans, they will be fixed by mutual agreement between the Board and the church aided, according to the fixed plans and rules of the Church-edifice Fund, as set forth in accompanying documents.

SPECIAL CIRCULAR.

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 115 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, November, 1860.

The annexed plan of the Church-edifice Fund of the American Baptist Home Mission Society is respectfully submitted to your examination, with the hope that it will meet your approval and secure your kind co-operation. Years of close observation and largely accumulated correspondence on the subject, have convinced the Executive Board that much greater economy in the use of missionary funds would be secured by the adoption of the proposed measure.

A large amount of money has been collected for church edifices, by agents of soliciting churches, which, from various causes, has been expended with but little profit. Some of those edifices might have been built without the aid of foreign contributions; some have been built in comparatively obscure and unimportant places; some without regard to legal enactments in the organization or election of a Board of Trustees; some with no trustees, and, of course, no legal hold of the property; some without proper attention to titles to their property; some on sites inconvenient of access to the inhabitants of the villages; some without proper regard to the pecuniary ability of the churches, thus contracting embarrassing debts, and from these and similar causes, serious consequences, and, in not a few instances, the total loss of the property, have followed. These points are seldom, if ever, investigated, or even alluded to, by those who donate the funds. The Executive Board propose to attend to all those matters; to supply themselves with copies of the laws of the different States, relating to the organization of religious societies and their powers, and to obtain all needful evidence of the correctness of the proceedings of applicants for aid, in all important respects. This, they feel confident, can be effected by the application of fixed and uniform rules, and through the numerous agencies now at their disposal. They propose to aid, as far as they have ability, all who produce satisfactory evidence of their actual necessity, and of the probable establishment, within a reasonable period, of an efficient church by such aid, and this they will do in a fraternal, Christian spirit, and with a view to secure to the applicants the undisputed ownership and enjoyment of a plain, comfortable, and well-located church edifice, free from debt. It is believed that the

^{*} Five years, at longest, is generally thought to be ample time.

success of the proposed measure will, within a few months, produce the means necessary for a prosperous commencement of operations, rendering the ordinary applications for aid unnecessary, and in a reasonable time the system would become so perfected, that a case could only rarely occur to justify such an application at all.

Many facts could be given to illustrate the advantages of the plan. We offer, however, only one, in which it is ascertained that the systematic expenditure of only two thousand dollars in a single State (Minnesota) would secure the immediate construction of fifteen church edifices, and the probable establishment of as many self-sustaining churches at an early period. Where or how could so small an amount of money be expended to produce so great and good a result?

In view of the whole subject, your kind and liberal co-operation and contribution at the earliest practicable day are earnestly invited.

PLAN OF THE CHURCH-EDIFICE FUND. .

1. The Church-edifice Fund of the American Baptist Home Mission Society is intended to aid feeble churches in their incipient efforts to establish the institutions of the Gospel.

2. The amount of aid granted in each case will be small; it will depend much upon the amount raised by the applicants themselves; and will be intended as the final payment on the cost of the edifice.

3. The lot on which the edifice is erected must be of ample dimensions, centrally situated for the purpose of public worship, and the title of the applicants to it must be free of all encumbrances.

4. When aid is granted, it will be in the form of a loan for a reasonable term of years, to be properly secured and drawing a moderate annual interest. Donations will be made, if money is contributed to the treasury, and designated by the donors for the purpose.

5. Loans granted will be transmitted in installments as the building progresses, unless otherwise ordered.

6. Applications for aid must be made by the trustees of the churches or societies, according to the laws of their respective States or Territories, and be accompanied by evidence of the regular organization of the church and of the Board of Trustees; of the concurrence of the church in the measure of building; of the actual unencumbered ownership of the property; and of the entire proceedings relative to the loan having been according to the laws of their respective States.

7. The arrangements with the borrowers will be made with all reasonable reference to their convenience in the repayment of loans; and loans repaid will be immediately loaned to others on the same principles, thus creating a perpetual source of aid for churches in similar circumstances.

Necessity for a Fund.

It is unnecessary to present arguments in support of the necessity or utility of suitable houses of worship for the use of churches in planting the Gospel in new places. A thousand facts speak conclusively on the subject, and a thousand more

clearly show that provision for the support of ministers by missionary funds must be prolonged two or three years, and sometimes longer, where there is no convenient place of worship, than at those places where such accommodations are offered. The value of missionary funds bestowed upon such places, therefore, is diminished.

The Desire of Feeble Churches for a Fund.

The amount of aid indispensable to success in ordinary cases in the new States of the Home Mission field is comparatively small. The houses actually necessary in the commencement of operations need not be large, but comfortable and neat. The people can manage to secure a good site and procure most of the materials, but money they can not raise until their farms are paid for, and their business sufficiently advanced. The years for accomplishing this, however, are just those when the incipient arrangements for gathering and establishing the churches should be made, and to pass them unimproved is fatal to early success. A few hundred dollars—in most cases from one hundred to five hundred—for the purchase of materials and labor, which can not be obtained without cash, would be sufficient. This the people can not obtain near them, except by paying exorbitant and ruinous rates of interest. They would gladly borrow the needful amount at the legal rates of interest in eastern States, and in any place of ordinary importance they would be abundantly able to pay such interest, and, in a reasonable term of years, to refund the amount borrowed.

Plans for easily raising a Fund.

To obtain the amount necessary for such operations, the Executive Board do not wish to subject their friends to a burdensome extra effort. As yet, they hope, it is not necessary. Their plans have been published in the *Home Mission Record*, and a general co-operation with them on those plans, it is believed, will speedily supply them with the means in an easy and pleasant way. The contribution of one dollar from each member of Baptist churches, previous to April 1, 1861, will fully accomplish the object, and render further application to those churches by agents from abroad unnecessary.

If there be churches not yet ready for such a measure, and disposed to encourage the old plan of contributing on the application of church agents still longer, it would aid the promotion of our object by their depositing the amount of their contributions in our treasury, to be loaned to the church for which it was contributed on the foregoing terms—the contributing church directing the number of years in which it should be repaid, and the rate of interest to be required for its use. The former, however, would be the speedier, the better, the more efficient method, and would enable the Board immediately to expand their usefulness and bless large numbers of waiting churches in the wilderness.

Shall the Needful Amount be Raised?

We commend to our friends the perusal of the numerous articles in the Home

Mission Record from our missionaries and contemporary religious periodicals, and respectfully and most urgently request that they will now commence sending the contributions for this object, which the stern necessities of the feeble churches require.

CHURCH-EDIFICE CIRCULAR.

To Applicants for aid from the Church-edifice Fund of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

First.—The Church-edifice Fund is employed to aid feeble churches in their incipient efforts to establish the institutions of the Gospel.

Second.—The churches aided must own a lot of land of ample dimensions, on which the proposed house of worship is to be built. It must be centrally situated for the purpose of public worship, the church's title to it must be free of all encumbrances, and the church edifice, when opened for public worship, must be free from debt.

Third.—The amount loaned in each case must be necessarily small, and will depend much on the amount raised by the applicants for the purpose.

Fourth.—When aid is granted it will be in the form of loans properly secured, drawing a moderate annual interest, and to be refunded in a term of years. Donations can be made only when money has been contributed to the treasury, and designated by the donors for that purpose.

Fifth.—Loans made by the Board will be transmitted in installments, as the building progresses, unless otherwise ordered.

Sixth.—Applications for aid, and the transaction of all the business to its completion, must be by the trustees of the churches or societies, according to the laws of their respective States or Territories, and they must accompany their applications by documents, as follows: A copy of the proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Council at the organization of the church, or equivalent evidence that the church was regularly organized and is in the fellowship of the regular Baptist denomination. A copy of the vote of the church or society authorizing the trustees to make the loan. A certificate of the clerk of the church to be attached, countersigned by the deacons, showing that the said vote was passed at a regularly appointed meeting of the church; and an "Abstract of Search," showing that the title of the lot on which the church edifice is to be built is entirely unencumbered.

When aid is granted, in any case, to build or complete a house of worship, it will be with the understanding that the building will be commenced, continued, and completed without unnecessary delay, and that a reasonable amount of the money to be paid the builder or contractor will be withheld until the building is completed and accepted by the trustees.

An agreement of the Executive Board to aid any church in the way contemplated above, will be considered canceled if the building is not commenced within one year after such agreement has been made.

The Dollar Plan.

Subscriptions of one dollar for the Church-edifice Fund have been voluntarily sent to our treasury by persons in different sections of the country, with expressions of the wish that the example should be generally followed; and we are certain that if it were followed an amount would be realized that, with proper management, would relieve all real necessities likely to occur from year to year, from the erection of houses of worship by feeble churches. One hundred thousand dollars would be sufficient. That amount can be raised easily, if the Baptists are disposed to do it.

In the northern and northwestern States alone, the number of Baptist church members is about 383,000. After making every reasonable allowance, at the very least one quarter of the number, or say in round numbers 100,000, could give without inconvenience one dollar each for the above purpose. But it is not indispensable to raise the whole amount at once. From ten to twenty thousand dollars per annum, for a few years, would meet all really important demands. The money thus annually raised, being loaned in greater or less amounts, from \$100 to \$500, would be repaid in most cases within five years, and would then be loaned to other needy churches, to be repaid again and again perpetually.

The money would be placed at the disposal of a responsible Society, having the whole field under its observation, and no new organization would be necessary.

The success of the plan would soon relieve the people from incessant and annoying applications. It would secure them against imposition. It would save large sums, which, on the present method of indiscriminate giving, often go to places of comparative unimportance, and in many instances where the applicants are able to dispense with such aid. It would save hundreds of dollars, annually expended for salary and traveling expenses of agents who solicit funds for building church edifices; and, with the efforts of the churches which it would stimulate, would build and pay for a great many suitable houses of worship, where they are truly needed, and where they would strengthen active devoted churches, and impart stability to the cause of Jesus Christ—all by one dollar each from about a quarter of the church members of the Free States.

The Cost of Home Missionary Churches-Missionary Labors of an Agent.

From Rev. O. Tracy, Concord, March 31.

You know my field is a hard field to cultivate. The past year an effort has been made to raise some \$2500 to \$3000 among the churches in Vermont, to build a house of worship in Bellows Falls. Where churches have contributed \$50, \$100, or \$300, and I have been told it was for the same object as Home Missions, we can not bring up our subscriptions as usual. But really the Home Mission Society will gather few churches, or build few houses of worship, if they cost as much as they do in Vermont and New Hampshire. How much has each church, gathered by the Home Mission Society, cost them? Why, God has given us one church for every \$600 or \$650 put into the Home Mission treasury. Then, if, as you suppose,

that the hopeful conversions are about double the number of the baptisms reported. then God has given us one hopeful convert for every \$12 put into our treasury. I say nothing of the many feeble churches that have been fostered and become strong by your aid. Such results are encouraging. I have now been in your service nine years. About one half of my time has been spent in New Hampshire. I have done considerable missionary work. More than half of my Sabbaths have been spent with destitute churches, or with churches whose pastors were sick, or from home, or I have sent him out to supply some feeble church. years before I came into New Hampshire, the churches in the State collected on an average some \$265 annually. The last nine years they have averaged \$1660. I have pursued a similar course in Vermont; average collections prior to 1851 were a little less than they were in New Hampshire. For nine years past we have collected nearly \$1000 a year, and yet I have been in the State less than one half of the time, and more than one half of my Sabbaths have been spent with feeble churches, so that at least one half of my Sabbaths I have been doing missionary work. I state these facts that the Board may know how I am laboring, and what are the results of such efforts.

Build Church Edifices, or let Churches die.

From Rev. C. Willett, La Crosse, March 26.

Many of our churches must have houses of worship, or die. Appropriating money to be preached out in cabins and in miserable log school-houses, that belong to any body or every body or nobody, is about as profitable as the last few years' land speculation. Every thing is nowhere. Baptists and Methodists break ground; toil early and late; in season, out of season; and begin to gather a harvest, when Congregationalists, or Presbyterians come in with their building fund and erect a very neat house of worship, and gather into it much of the best fruit of other's self-denying toil, leaving little more than the refuse for others. The fact is, creeds hang very lightly on many in these parts. A comfortable slip for a family outweighs, with many, all that Fuller or Dwight, or even Paul or John, ever wrote. Whatever danger of consolidation may exist about New York or Boston, be assured there is none this way; we living together much like the waves of the sea, not anywhere in particular, or for any particular length of time. Must one half that has been done on the frontiers within the last five years be lost, and a much larger proportion of present and future labors, for the want of church homes? I confess a degree of feeling on this subject, that, at times, reaches an intensity hardly wise.

The mild brilliant nights of the present month have been illuminated by vast areas of fires in all directions, burning over marsh, prairie, and bluff, and as I have gazed upon them, oh! how I have wished that the whole field from which funds for our Home Mission work come might be warmed and illuminated with this crying necessity of which I write, and not a dark cold heart remain. If the material for combustion were here at home, most quickly would I apply the torch (if I could), and then devotedly fan the flame. What intelligent mechanic would employ a

gang of hands to carry on his work without suitable buildings in which to labor? What merchant would forward large invoices of goods for sale and provide no store where they could be disposed of? Not one. And yet, just that thing is done by the patrons of Home Missions. Oh! if the intelligent portion of our brethren east, would see this matter in its true light, they would quickly set themselves to rights. The relation of building to sustaining public worship is just the revenue here to what it is east. I am not sure but it would be wisdom to stop appropriations for a year or two, and devote all that could be gathered up to this business, securing, as we ought to have, a fund of \$100,000, to be loaned with just interest enough to cover inevitable losses on ordinarily good securities.

Many of our brethren would willingly go to the extent of human endeavors to secure a place of worship, and thus prevent the fruits of their self-denying toils being ungraciously taken from them by their well-furnished and not reluctant neighbors. How much I should be prompted to do, if a loan could be secured to erect a house here, I am not prepared to say, except that it should exceed that of any other man of equal means, though I might not preach in it a single day. Here, we are dead-locked in our tomb, and here, so far as growth is concerned, we must be, until we have a different place to meet in.

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